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AMFA CERTIFIED AS THE TRADE UNION REPRESENTATIVE FOR AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE ENGINEERS IN CANADA

CENTENNIAL, CO – October 4, 2022 – The Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association (AMFA) is extremely elated and honored to announce the Canada Industrial Relations Board (CIRB) certified AMFA as the trade union representative, followed by an overwhelming majority representation vote of the Canadian aircraft maintenance engineers (AMEs and Leads), aircraft technicians and apprentices (maintenance group), and occupational support services (OSS) employees from L3 Technologies MAS at CFB Trenton. The group was previously represented by the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM).

"The voice of this professional, skilled aircraft maintenance group was heard loud and clear by the outcome of yesterday's representation vote. Not only is this a huge day for this aircraft maintenance group at L3 Technologies MAS, but it's an epic flag planting for the entire industry as a major trade labor movement for every AME in the entire country of Canada by unifying this workgroup under trade-specific union representation," said Bret Oestreich, AMFA National President. "This is the AMEs' moment to be recognized as highly skilled and responsible professionals with a public trust. We shall continually strive for higher standards in aircraft maintenance, servicing and handling in the interest of public safety and the industry. AMFA is the solution to promote, get appropriate necessary training for, elevate, and unify our skilled profession as the only trade-specific, independent union for aircraft maintenance technicians and engineers across North America."

"The L3 Technologies MAS professionals feel that the aircraft maintenance trade requires distinct consideration at the bargaining table, and AMFA is honored to have the opportunity to represent these professionals," said Oestreich.

There are more than 100 Aerospace and Defense Contractors and approximately 550 licensed air carriers transporting passengers and cargo to destinations both domestic and international. There are approximately 17,000 AMEs in Canada that require a union advocating for trade-specific values and interests. L3 Technologies MAS in Trenton, ON, is the first of several joint civilian military contractors that is looking to represent. Several other airlines, maintenance repair operation facilities, and Aerospace and Defense Contractors across North America are currently seeking representation by AMFA. AMFA looks forward to helping to improve and stabilize the aviation industry by assisting, promoting, advising, and giving support to Canadian organizations and continuing operations and activities of other Canadian labor organizations whose objectives are consistent with those of AMFA.

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The Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association is a craft-oriented, independent aviation union. AMFA represents licensed and unlicensed technicians and related employees actively involved in the aviation industry. These technicians and related employees work directly on aircraft and/or components, support equipment, and facilities. AMFA is committed to elevating the professional standing of technicians and to achieving progressive improvements in wages, benefits, and working conditions of the skilled people it represents. For more information about AMFA, visit www.amfanational.org.