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**MESSAGE**

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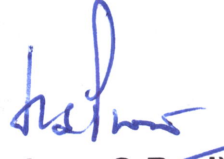
I am happy to learn that the MRO Association of India is organizing the "Aero MRO India – Aerospace & Defence 2019" Forum on 4-5 December 2019, in New Delhi.

India has registered double-digit growth in domestic air traffic over last five years. We have crossed the 140 million annual passengers mark, becoming the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest civil aviation market in terms of domestic passengers carried. Given that this double-digit growth has come at a market penetration of just 7%, the civil aviation sector in the country has enormous potential and can be one of the drivers of India's ambition of becoming a USD 5 trillion economy over the next five years.

With its growing aircraft fleet size, strategic geographic location, rich pool of engineering expertise and low labour cost, India has the potential of becoming a global MRO hub. Presently, the commercial value of the MRO industry in India is pegged at US\$ 950+ million. This is well below India's potential – through Forums such as the "Aero MRO India – Aerospace & Defence 2019", which bring together industry leaders and all relevant stakeholders, I am confident that we can expand this industry to US\$ 1.2 billion level.

I wish Aero MRO India – A & D 2019 all success.

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