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AELS ensures green recycling of aircraft components

In aviation, destruction of old components is a vital process. One needs to ensure old components are not illegally re-entering the market as new, endangering aircraft safety. Also, aircraft components contain many valuable metals and sometimes hazardous materials. As of today AELS is offering the aviation industry an environmentally friendly solution in cooperation with Recylux near Maastricht Aachen Airport. With this service AELS will provide aviation maintenance companies with a guaranteed destruction of, and optimal revenue from unsalvageable components. This process with maximum green recycling of materials is named MRO End-of-Life.

The unique process of the MRO End-of-Life service has been developed during the last few months by AELS in cooperation with potential customers such as Hamilton Sundstrand and Fokker Services. The process encompasses everything from the quarantine area of the Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) facility to the final destruction of the component and the recycling of the materials. Due to the technology and knowledge developed by AELS on the field of recycling of complete aircraft, the recycling of components is estimated to improve with 25% to 40% in comparison to existing processes.

Aircraft End-of-Life Solutions (AELS) is a young company based in the Netherlands that recycles complete aircraft and provides related services. Derk-Jan van Heerden, General Manager of AELS, "With this new service we will not only provide the aviation industry with a better solution for their unrepairable parts but this service will also improve the ecological footprint of the complete aviation sector."

Today AELS has signed an agreement with Recylux as partner for the new innovative MRO End-of-Life process. Recylux is one of Europe's leading recycling companies. The company, with headquarters in Luxembourg, is active in 5 countries. Recylux is an ISO 9001 (quality) and ISO 14001 (environmental) certified company. Franck Sertic, General Manager of Recylux: "With AELS we have a very strong partner to provide this niche market with the specific and dedicated services it requires."

The location, Maastricht, where the components are destroyed and recycled has been chosen because of the central location within Europe. This location is also strategically located near the Maastricht Maintenance Boulevard (MMB). Both MRO End-of-Life and the MMB are initiatives supported by LIOF, the Limburg Development and Investment Company. MMB is a co-operation between MRO companies with the aim to improve the quality, reliability and competitiveness of the services they provide. These improvements are reached by innovations such as this new service of AELS.

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