



New High-Tech Gas Turbine Production and Repair Centre Launches at ICAD III

Abu Dhabi, April 28, 2010 - Ansaldo Thomassen Gulf (ATG), the new high-tech Gas Turbine repair centre in the Middle East, was officially launched today at the new Industrial City of Abu Dhabi (ICAD III) in Musaffah.

Spread over 3,200 square metre floor area, the new workshop was inaugurated under the patronage of H.H. Sheikh Hamed bin Zayed Al Nayhan, by Giuseppe Zampini CEO of Ansaldo Energia, the mother company of ATG based in Italy part of the Finmeccanica group and Mohammad Hassan Al Qamzi CEO Zones Corp of Abu Dhabi; senior executives from Ansaldo group of companies and ZonesCorp officials.

ATG, a local company whose shareholders are Ansaldo Thomassen BV and Saeed Al Mosawe Group, an Abu Dhabi Company, has brought to the region innovative technologies, state-of-the-art equipment and some of the world's best resources to create a centre of excellence for the production and repair of Gas Turbine Rotating Blades and other Gas Turbine components.

“The opening of Ansaldo Thomassen Gulf will bring together both the technology and expertise in this area that is particularly strategic for Ansaldo Thomassen and Ansaldo Energia”, said Giuseppe Zampini, CEO of Ansaldo Energia.

This facility will be fundamental to meet at the best in terms of quality and timing the local market needs,” said Fausto Nepote, Managing Director of Ansaldo Thomassen Gulf.

“Our customers will benefit from our premium service without having to bear the cost of shipping their parts to be repaired overseas. This shall also allow a sensible reduction in the turnaround time for parts that are essential for the operation of gas turbines,” he added.

H.E. Mohammed Hassan Al Qamzi will address the importance of Ansaldo Thomassen in ICADIII and the benefit of such a company to the whole region.

Although the traditional scope of Ansaldo Thomassen Gulf has been concentrated on the repair of GE technology components, the new workshop, thanks to the addition of new technologies and to its affiliation with Ansaldo Energia group, will expand to cover other types of Gas Turbines too.

Shrouds, seals, nozzles and the machining of Turbine Blades, their coating and heat treatments will all be performed at the newly-opened workshop.