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KF Aerospace Breaks Ground on Major Facility Expansion at YHM

February 15, 2019—Hamilton—KF Aerospace is excited to announce a \$30-million expansion of its aircraft maintenance, repair and overhaul facility at YHM. Adding 150,000 sq. feet and over 275 new jobs, the project will drive new growth for Hamilton, the Airport and surrounding region.

The centerpiece of the project is a new 75,000 sq. foot hangar, introducing wide-body aircraft capability and additional lines of maintenance to KF's Hamilton operation. It's expected to triple KF's business in the Hamilton marketplace, expanding the company's ability to support the country's [fastest growing airport](#) and its international cargo and passenger airline partners.

The project will bring steady, full-time jobs to the region over the next four years. KF Aerospace Founder and CEO, Barry Lapointe says it reflects the company's long-term commitment to the city. "We've been operating in Hamilton for almost 25 years and are incredibly excited to be investing further in the community," he says. "This expansion will allow KF to bring international customers to Canada to showcase our staff's exceptional maintenance skills."

The expansion will also allow KF to provide state-of-the-art shops, classroom and hangar space for [Mohawk College's Aircraft Maintenance Engineer](#) programs. A lifelong supporter of aviation training, Lapointe indicates the partnership with Mohawk College will help provide students with training that leads to rewarding careers in the rapidly advancing aerospace sector.

"Getting hands-on experience is the hallmark of a Mohawk education," says Mohawk College President Ron McKerlie. "This partnership with KF Aerospace ensures our Aviation students get real-life learning experiences in a modern, state-of-the-art facility."



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Design, manufacturing, and construction of the new buildings will be kept in Canada. KF has contracted firms Ledcor Construction and NA Engineering for the project, and the hangar is being pre-fabricated in Brandon, Manitoba.

Construction on the wide-body hangar is expected to complete in October of 2019, and Mohawk will commence classes in their new facility in August 2020.

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About KF Aerospace

We're all about [the craft](#).

KF Aerospace is proud to deliver innovative aircraft solutions for corporate, commercial and military customers worldwide. Launched nearly 50 years ago out of British Columbia's Okanagan Valley, KF has grown to specialize in a wide range of aviation services including maintenance and modifications, air cargo operations, military aircrew training and aircraft leasing. With facilities across Canada, KF is home to a 1,000 strong, highly skilled workforce.

KF Hamilton currently employs 150 staff and will grow to 425 over the next four years. We currently provide both heavy and line maintenance to customers like Sunwing and Westjet. To learn more visit kfaero.ca

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John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport

"KF's investment and expansion will triple its current business and the respective jobs associated with its core business and ultimately, create a positive economic impact to the City of Hamilton and the region of Ontario. This development provides invaluable support to passenger and cargo airline partners for their ongoing MRO needs. This is another example



of the exciting growth taking place at Hamilton International. The Airport and its partners are an economic engine and continue to promote the talent and services available in Hamilton.”

Tomas Cleary, Senior Coordinator, Marketing and Communications for John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport

City of Hamilton

“KF’s investment will create a number of new jobs at the airport, equally as important, this investment sets Hamilton on a path for a bright economic future. As the reliance on just-in-time delivery and e-commerce grows exponentially, keeping the planes that move these goods running will require a specialized and highly skilled workforce. With this investment and partnership with Mohawk College, Hamilton will be home to some of the top aerospace technicians in Canada.”

Sue Rimac, Business Development Consultant for the City of Hamilton

Mohawk College

Mohawk College has been providing a quality, higher education experience to students in Hamilton, Ontario and the surrounding area since 1967. The college educates and serves more than 31,700 full-time, part-time, apprenticeship and international students three main campuses in Hamilton, at learning hubs across Hamilton through City School by Mohawk, and at the college’s Aviation Facility at Hamilton International Airport. Mohawk is among the leading colleges in Canada for applied research. It has been named one of Canada’s greenest employers for five years in a row, and is also home to the country’s largest net zero energy institutional building. More than 120,000 people have graduated from Mohawk since it was founded.