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## MAS deploys full suite of Ramco aviation solutions

**MRO SUPPORT:** Project is among efforts to achieve full turnaround

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**M**ALAYSIA Airlines (MAS) has deployed a full suite of aviation solutions by Ramco Systems Pte Ltd to provide maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) support for more than 145 aircraft.

Last March, MAS inked a deal with Chennai-based Ramco for a group wide transformational information technology IT implementation project to replace legacy enterprise software with Ramco Aviation and ERP Financials.

The project is among the many efforts MAS was taking to achieve a full turnaround, said MAS Aerospace Engineering (MAE) chief executive officer Azhari Mohd Dahlan.

According to Azhari, the solutions would enable about 300 MAS engineers to access future-ready enterprise software, allowing them



MAS Aerospace Engineering CEO **Azhari Mohd Dahlan** (left) and project director **Eke Nazri Rahim** at a press conference in Subang, yesterday.  
Pic by **Abdullah Yusof**

to automate or streamline many engineering functions, simplify compliance checks, and improve inventory management and hangar maintenance.

"We made a major decision to migrate from a legacy system to Ramco's integrated platform. Altogether, we will have 600 MAS engineers involved in this. The

investment for this is worth millions of ringgit. We expect to recoup the investment in five years as it will open up a lot of business opportunities for MAS, especially a new stream of business," he said in a press conference, here, yesterday.

Azhari said not only has MAS set a record time of 11 months for

implementation, it is also now able to reap exceptional benefits and transform its engineering solutions across multiple locations.

By using bar code-enabled features and automation, MAS is now able to reduce the time taken to move spares from suppliers to warehouses and hangars worldwide.

"By July 2015, another 800 airline engineering and operational staff will be connected to the Ramco platform," he said.

MAS group chief executive officer (CEO) Ahmad Jauhari Yahya said the net effect is a dramatic improvement in engineering efficiency, optimised fleet management, and reduction in aircraft on-ground time.

Meanwhile, Ramco CEO Virender Aggarwal said the group was extremely happy to witness a record time go-live of a strategic implementation at MAS.

"Our teams defied great odds to achieve the impossible for a landmark project of great importance for both sides," he said.