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## SKF supplies bearings for next-generation aircraft engines

### **SKF technology to be used in the LEAP engine program**

Gothenburg, 18 March 2015: SKF will supply CFM International with mainshaft and gearbox bearings for the LEAP engine program, a high-bypass aircraft turbofan engine.

SKF has a long business relationship with CFM International and has contributed knowledge in manufacturing technology, design and testing of mainshaft and accessory gearbox bearings throughout the development of the LEAP engine.

The ceramic hybrid mainshaft bearings that have been developed for the LEAP engine program will help contribute to a lighter, quieter and more fuel efficient aircraft engine, that emits up to 16% less carbon than its predecessor, the CFM56.

“Being involved in one of the industry’s most prestigious engine development programs is an exciting opportunity for us. It is also an acknowledgment that our collaborative approach to technology development supports the industry’s focus on reducing emissions,” says Patrick Tong, President, Specialty Business.

LEAP is a next-generation aircraft engine being designed and developed with a focus on improving fuel consumption and reducing emissions and noise levels. Variations of the LEAP engine will equip the Airbus A320neo, Boeing 737 MAX and COMAC C919 aircrafts.

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