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Nod to India's first aircraft MRO facility

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The first aircraft maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) facility in India would come up at Hosur near Bangalore, with its promoter Air Works receiving the approval of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).

Announcing that it had recently received DGCA approval, Air Works CEO Fredrik Groth said the company, which already has one hangar at Hosur airport that can house two turboprop ATR-72 size aircraft, would construct two more larger hangars by 2009.

"We have plans to pump in \$40 million into the project", he said, adding that the funds would be put in to set up the

additional hangars, the aircraft painting operations as well as for future engine and components facilities.

The company, which claims to be the largest general aviation and MRO firm in India, would provide services like line and base maintenance, aircraft painting, structural repairs, cabin and avionics upgrades. It would also offer component repairs and spare parts sourcing.

The company would start operations with the existing hangar and soon build two more "no later than 2009 end" at the Hosur airport, which has a 7,000 feet runway capable of accepting all types of commercial aircraft. — PTI