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## **Avianor appoints Mario Lafrance as Vice President & General Manager**

**Mirabel, Québec – September 30, 2025** – Avianor, an affiliate of DRAKKAR, specialised in commercial and defence aircraft maintenance (MRO) and interior solutions, is pleased to announce the appointment of **Mario Lafrance** as its new **Vice President & General Manager**, effective as of September 29, 2025.

Mr. Lafrance succeeds Hugo Brouillard, Chief Operating Officer and President of affiliated companies, who announced his retirement after more than 35 years of distinguished service in the aerospace industry. Mr. Brouillard will remain with Avianor until December 2025, ensuring a smooth transition period.

*“We were seeking a leader with deep technical expertise, commitment to excellence, a passion for airline maintenance, and a strong customer focus,” said Benoit Hudon, President & Chief Executive Officer of DRAKKAR. “Mario embodies all of these qualities and a dedication to teamwork. His proven leadership and extensive experience make him the natural choice to guide Avianor into its next phase of growth.”*

### **About Mario Lafrance**

Mario Lafrance joins Avianor from Air Transat, where he served as Vice President, Technical Operations/PRM. Over a career spanning more than 35 years in aviation, Mr. Lafrance has built a strong reputation for operational excellence, technical expertise, and strong regulatory knowledge.

Beginning his career in 1989, he has held key positions in technical operations, quality control management, safety, hangar and line maintenance across multiple respected organizations. He has developed deep expertise with a wide range of aircraft, including the Airbus A330, A320, A310, A220 and Boeing 727, 737, 757.

Mr. Lafrance will focus on strengthening Avianor’s role as a leader in A220 maintenance at its Center of Excellence in Mirabel. He will also drive the advancement of Avianor’s MRO and interior solutions services, further positioning the company as a partner of choice in the industry.

*“Avianor has a bright future, and I am honored to join the team,” said Mr. Lafrance. “I look forward to building on its strong foundations, further advancing the A220 Center of Excellence in Mirabel, and continuing to deliver world-class maintenance and interior solutions to our customers.”*

**About Avianor**

Avianor, an affiliate of DRAKKAR, has been a leader in MRO and interior solutions of commercial and defence aircraft for 30 years. Located at YMX International Aerocity of Mirabel, it has 360 permanent and temporary employees, in addition to 300,000 square feet of hangars, manufacturing and repair shops, warehouses and offices. Its A220 Center of Excellence, inaugurated in November 2024, is a cutting-edge facility serving airline companies worldwide. Avianor maintains its growth and position of choice within the local, national and international aerospace industry.

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**About DRAKKAR**

DRAKKAR regroups 13 affiliated companies specialized in four lines of services: MRO & Interior Solutions, Logistics & Supply Chain, Industrial & Manufacturing, and Technology & MarCom. With over 2,500 workers and locations in Canada, the United States and France, DRAKKAR provides customers with solutions in various business-related sectors including Aerospace, Ground Transportation and Defense.

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