

## Press Release

### ETN LM2500 User Group Meeting

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**On 1-2 June 2016, high-level representatives of LM2500 operator companies from Europe, North and South America and Africa met for the first ETN LM2500 User Group Meeting (UGM) at the Shell Technology Centre in Amsterdam. During the UGM, they exchanged experiences and established a focused dialog with GE and ISPs in order to define and develop solutions to prioritised operational issues/requirements. An overall fleet of 302 engines was represented at the event.**

LM2500 Users worldwide have joined ETN's User Group Meeting as part of an aggregated strategy to address Gas Turbine (GT) Users' issues and trigger a dedicated response from Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs), Independent Service Providers (ISPs) and the Research & Development (R&D) community. High-level representatives from major fleet owners, such as Shell, Total, Statoil, ExxonMobil and MODEC, participated in the meeting.

Christer Björkqvist, ETN Managing Director stated that he was very pleased with the attendance from the many different regions in the world despite the current cost-cutting mode in the Oil & Gas sector. "Users found ETN's strategy valuable and invested their best effort to participate in the two-day meeting."

During the meeting, Users had the opportunity to exchange experiences in an interactive and independent user session. The event also allowed them to listen to presentations from three ISPs (MTU Maintenance, Chromalloy and VBR Turbine Partners) and discuss the services that they can provide.

GE contributed in the success of the meeting, by participating with a high number of technical experts in order to appropriately address the issues and requirements and provide their best answers to the Users' questions. A full day was dedicated to the interactive session between GE representatives and the User community.

ETN is now following up on the reported issues and actions coming out of the meeting and encourages additional LM2500 Users worldwide to join the User Group in order to establish a strong, independent and knowledgeable LM2500 user community with a major influence on future developments.

#### What the participants said

*"The ETN User Group Meeting proved to be a valuable networking tool and the stepping stone for a united users front to bring attention and closure to lingering and "uncovered" LM2500 engine problems and sharing of best practices. I look forward to a continued relationship with all members and to next year's follow up meeting!"*

- Oscar T. Moguel, Operations Technical Programmatics Machinery Advisor, ExxonMobil (Angola)

*"Presenting at the ETN LM2500 Users Group Meeting was the perfect platform to interface with all types of operators to openly discuss their current issues and offer alternative Chromalloy solutions."*

- Ron van Gestel, Head of Business Development Engineering, Chromalloy (The Netherlands)

*"Outstanding event! Very practical and well organized, focusing on the issues that really matter. The ETN team is to be congratulated for having built an atmosphere of cooperation between all attendees, effective technical discussions and efficient format to question and interact with OEM and ISPs. The long trip was really worth it!"*

- Mario Madureira, Maintenance Engineering & Reliability Manager, MODEC (Brazil)

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**About ETN:** The European Turbine Network is a non-profit membership association bringing together the entire value chain of the gas turbine technology community. Through cooperative efforts and by initiating projects, ETN optimises gas turbine research and technology development and promotes environmentally sound gas turbine technology with reliable and low cost operation.