



A joint venture between Rolls-Royce, Hong Kong Aero Engine Services Limited & SIA Engineering Company

## **SINGAPORE'S AEROSPACE INDUSTRY BOLSTERED BY EXPANSION OF SAESL'S AWARD-WINNING FACILITY**

*Greater overhaul and repair capacity and increased workforce will further strengthen  
Singapore's status as a global aerospace hub*

**2 February 2010, Singapore** – Singapore Aero Engine Services Private Limited (SAESL) continues to drive Singapore's growing aerospace industry with a new \$60-million facility extension. SAESL is the only facility in the world to repair and overhaul all in-service variants of the Rolls-Royce Trent engine, including the Trent 900 engine that powers the Airbus A380.

The 12,000 sqm extension will enable SAESL to take on the maintenance, repair and overhaul of additional Rolls-Royce Trent engine types, such as the Trent XWB which powers the Airbus A350. It will house all component repairs and logistics activities, leaving the original 18,000sqm building for enhanced engine and module rework, enabling SAESL to increase overhaul output by 25 percent, or up to 250 engines per year.

SAESL, a joint venture between SIA Engineering Company, Rolls-Royce and Hong Kong Aero Engine Services Limited, specialises in the maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) of Rolls-Royce Trent aero engines. The expansion of its existing facility will increase SAESL's workforce from 800 to 900. The new jobs will include technicians, planners, quality assistants and engineers.

The new facility extension, on Calshot Road near Changi Airport, was officially opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony performed by Mrs Lim Hwee Hua, Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Finance and Second Minister for Transport, and Gary Nutter, CEO, SAESL.

"Today, Singapore is recognised as having one of the most established bases of MRO companies in Asia for engine overhaul. The expansion of the SAESL's facility is an important milestone and will significantly contribute to Singapore's value proposition as a Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) hub in the Asia Pacific," said Mrs. Lim, who spoke at the opening ceremony.

“The expansion of our facility is a testament to a great team and hard work from all our employees. It demonstrates SAESL’s continued confidence in Singapore as a key global aerospace hub,” said Mr. Nutter. “The support of the Singapore Government, through the Economic Development Board, the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore and the Workforce Development Agency, has been key in promoting Singapore as the right place to expand our high value-added manufacturing activities in the aerospace sector.”

In July 2009, SAESL achieved a significant milestone with the completion of its 1,000<sup>th</sup> Rolls-Royce Trent engine overhaul. SAESL awards include the 2009 Frost & Sullivan Asia Pacific Aerospace and Defense Award for Asia Pacific Aero Engine MRO Center of the Year; and the Singapore Aerospace Best Employer Award 2009.

SAESL has expertise in maintaining the successful family of Rolls-Royce Trent aero engines, namely the Trent 500, 700 and 800, which power the A340, A330 and Boeing 777 respectively. SAESL is also the lead facility for the Trent 900, the debut engine for the A380 aircraft, the world’s largest passenger aircraft to date.

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**Notes to Editor:**

- Incorporated in 1999, SAESL is a S\$185-million (US\$109 million) joint venture between SIA Engineering Company, Rolls-Royce and Hong Kong Aero Engine Services Limited (HAESL). SAESL commenced operations in 2001 as a Trent Centre of Excellence, specialising in servicing and overhauling the successful family of Rolls-Royce Trent aero engines, namely the Trent 500, 700 and 800 which power the A340, A330 and Boeing 777 respectively.
- SAESL is also the lead shop for the maintenance, overhaul and repair of the Trent 900, the lead engine for Singapore Airlines’ A380 aircraft, the world’s largest passenger aircraft to date.
- Strategically located near Singapore Changi Airport, SAESL’s 30,000sqm purpose-built repair facility has been instrumental in providing support to an international customer base of airlines such as Singapore Airlines, Virgin Atlantic Airlines, Emirates, Thai Airways, Malaysian Airlines and Garuda, Qantas and Qatar Airways.



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