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## **ROLLS-ROYCE COMMENCES CONSTRUCTION AT SELETAR AEROSPACE PARK**

*Company's research centre and sophisticated manufacturing technologies will help bolster local culture of excellence in engineering skills*

Rolls-Royce, the global power systems company, today commenced construction of its 154,000 square metre (over 1.65 million square foot) Seletar Campus located at Singapore's Seletar Aerospace Park. The start of construction of the Rolls-Royce Seletar Campus was officially marked by Singapore's Minister for Trade and Industry, Mr. Lim Hng Kiang, and Mike Terrett, Chief Operating Officer, Rolls-Royce.

Mike Terrett, Rolls-Royce, Chief Operating Officer, commented: *"Singapore is an important regional hub for Rolls-Royce and we are very pleased to be expanding our presence here. The establishment of our Seletar Campus represents an important step forward as we increase our capacity and capability to meet the growing needs of our global customer base. Singapore offers highly competitive skills, a business-friendly environment conducive to high value-added manufacturing, a strong focus on research and innovation, and proximity to our growing customer base in the Asia Pacific region."*

Speaking at the launch ceremony, Minister Lim said: *"We are pleased that Rolls-Royce has chosen to locate its Asian campus in Singapore, making it the home in Asia for some very sophisticated aerospace capabilities. This decision affirms our vision for Singapore to be a global aerospace hub, with Seletar Aerospace Park as a cornerstone. I wish Rolls-Royce every success in this project and look forward to the first 'Assembled-in-Singapore' aero engines."*

The Rolls-Royce Seletar campus will comprise a Trent aero engine assembly and test facility, a wide chord fan blade (WCFB) manufacturing facility as well as a regional training centre and Advanced Technology Centre (ATC), an integral part of the Rolls-Royce global network for technology research.

Current research activities at the ATC cover a broad range of technologies including computational engineering, electrical systems, manufacturing process technology, materials and fuel cells. A future component of the ATC will be a Materials Services Laboratory that will provide materials assessment, failure analysis and Non-Destructive Testing support for in-service engines in the region. It will also play a key role in supporting the Trent assembly and test facility and the WCFB facility, as well as providing support for joint venture operations Singapore Aero Engine Services Limited (SAESL) and International Engine Components Overhaul (IECO).

The Trent aero engine facility will assemble and test large civil engines, starting with the Trent 1000 for the Boeing 787 Dreamliner. It will be the most modern



Rolls-Royce production engine assembly and test facility for large commercial aero engines, and the Group's first in Asia.

The WCFB facility will be the Group's first outside the UK to manufacture Rolls-Royce hollow titanium WCFBs, a unique capability and technology which has played a key role in the success of the Trent engine family.

As previously announced, total investment in the Rolls-Royce Seletar Campus, including investment in the WCFB facility, will exceed £300 million. It will create approximately 500 new jobs when fully operational, bringing the number of people employed by the Group in Singapore to around 2,000.

## **Notes to Editors:**

1. Rolls-Royce, a world-leading provider of power systems and services for use on land, at sea and in the air, has established a strong position in global markets - civil aerospace, defence aerospace, marine, energy and civil nuclear.
2. As a result of this strategy, Rolls-Royce today has a broad customer base comprising more than 600 airlines, 4,000 corporate and utility aircraft and helicopter operators, 160 armed forces, more than 2,000 marine customers, including 70 navies, and energy customers in nearly 120 countries, with an installed base of 54,000 gas turbines.
3. Rolls-Royce employs over 38,000 skilled people in offices, manufacturing and service facilities in 50 countries. The Group has a strong commitment to apprentice and graduate recruitment, and to further developing employee skills.
4. In 2008, Rolls-Royce invested £885 million on research and development, two thirds of which had the objective of further improving the environmental aspects of its products, in particular the reduction of emissions.
5. Annual underlying revenues were £9.1 billion in 2008, of which 52 per cent came from services revenues. The firm and announced order book stood at £57.5 billion at 30 June 2009, providing visibility of future levels of activity.
6. Singapore is a key business hub for the Group. It is home to the global headquarters of the Group's Marine business and the regional headquarters of its Asian Energy business. The Group's Advanced Technology Centre and Procurement office is also located in Singapore and handles the management of suppliers in South Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia, India and South East Asia.
7. Rolls-Royce has established a number of highly successful joint venture partnerships in Singapore, primarily with Singapore Airlines Engineering Company Limited (SIAEC). These include Singapore Aero Engine Services Limited (SAESL) and International Engine Components Overhaul (IECO), both of which provide services to major regional and global carriers.



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