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ROLLS-ROYCE SIGNS \$900 M EXCLUSIVE POWER SYSTEMS AGREEMENT WITH ALENIA AERONAUTICA FOR C-27J MILITARY TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT

Rolls-Royce today signed a nine-year, \$900 million agreement with Alenia Aeronautica to be the exclusive propulsion system provider for the C-27J Spartan medium-lift transport aircraft.

The twin-engined C-27J is powered by AE 2100D2 turboprop engines with Rolls-Royce having responsibility as the propulsion system provider of both the engine and the Dowty six-blade propeller assemblies.

This agreement builds upon a 2006 contract with Alenia Aeronautica for 42 propulsion systems, bringing the total guaranteed volume to 155. In addition, 78 C-27J aircraft and up to 180 engines were placed under contract by the US Armed forces's Joint Cargo Aircraft programme in 2007 with potential volumes of up to 145 aircraft to be delivered.

Dennis Jarvi, President of Defense North America for Rolls-Royce, said: *"This agreement further strengthens the partnership that has been forged with Alenia Aeronautica to ensure the success of the C-27J Spartan programme globally. It also confirms the company's position as the world leader in the supply of propulsion systems for military transport aircraft."*

Antonio Perfetti, Alenia Aeronautica Chief Operating Officer said: *"The Rolls-Royce engines, together with the state-of-the-art avionics and systems, contributes to the outstanding performance, operational flexibility and cost effectiveness of the C-27J. The Spartan is the only medium-lift military aircraft available in its class that is interoperable with heavier airlifters and can also deliver the speed, range, payload and load compartment volume capabilities our customers require."*

The C-27J is a mid-range, multifunctional and interoperable aircraft, able to perform logistical re-supply, MEDEVAC, troop movement, airdrop operations, humanitarian assistance and homeland security missions.

In addition to the United States, the C-27J is also in service in Italy, Greece, Bulgaria and Lithuania and has been ordered by Romania.

NOTE TO EDITORS

1. The AE 2100D2 engine is part of the “common core” AE engine line produced by Rolls-Royce, and provides up to 6,000 shaft horsepower. The reliable and proven AE engine line has accumulated more than 33 million flight hours in military and civil applications.
2. As the world leading propulsion system provider for military transport aircraft, Rolls-Royce provides the engine for the new C-130J and V-22 Osprey and powers more than 2,800 fixed and rotary-wing aircraft currently in service with the United States and other international armed forces. These include such mission-critical aircraft as: the Global Hawk; the AV-8B Harrier and V-22 Osprey; the T-45 Goshawk and P-3 Orion; the OH-58 Kiowa and Kiowa Warrior and MH-6 Little Bird helicopters; and C-130 Hercules transports.
3. Rolls-Royce is also a member of Europrop International, the consortium which is producing the TP400-D6 engine to power the A400M military transport aircraft.
4. 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 and energy.
5. Rolls-Royce continues to invest in core technologies, products, people and capabilities with the objective of broadening and strengthening the product and service portfolio, improving efficiency and enhancing the environmental performance of its products. These investments create high barriers to entry.
6. Rolls-Royce is working hard to improve the environmental impact of its products. Each year, in collaboration with its partners, it invests over £800 million on research and development, two thirds of which has the objective of reducing the environmental impact of its products. The primary technology investment area is aimed at reducing noise and emissions.
7. Annual sales were £7.4 billion in 2007, of which 55 per cent came from services revenues. The firm and announced order book at the end of 2007 stood at £45.9 billion, of which aftermarket services represent 30 per cent, providing visibility of future levels of activity.

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