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ROLLS-ROYCE TO POWER ADDITIONAL A380s FOR QANTAS AIRWAYS

Rolls-Royce announced today (19 September) that Qantas Airways has ordered Trent 900 engines to power eight additional Airbus A380s, in a deal valued at more than \$575 million. This brings Qantas's Rolls-Royce powered A380 fleet to 20 aircraft.

Qantas today took delivery of its first Rolls-Royce Trent 900-powered Airbus A380 at a special ceremony at Airbus headquarters in Toulouse.

David Cox, Executive General Manager Qantas Engineering said: *"We are pleased to further expand our relationship with Rolls-Royce. The Trent 900 offers us an effective economic solution, operational efficiency, and low engine noise and emissions for our A380 fleet."*

Nick Devall, Executive Vice President – Customer Business, Rolls-Royce, added: *"This repeat selection of the Trent 900 by Qantas is a demonstration of their faith in the product and underlines the Trent's status as the market leader on the A380."*

"In addition to meeting fuel efficiency requirements, the Trent 900 has the lowest overall emissions for the A380, and will therefore provide Qantas with superior operating economics on the long-haul routes for which these aircraft are intended."

Although the Trent 900 is the largest and one of the most powerful engines Rolls-Royce has built, it was designed to minimise environmental impact. The engines operate well within the requirements of all current and proposed legislation on emissions and the Trent-powered A380 comfortably meets the stringent noise limits for airports such as London Heathrow.

The Trent 900 has been selected by ten of the 13 Airbus A380 customers who have made an engine selection.

NOTE TO EDITORS

1. Qantas currently operates a fleet of 43 Rolls-Royce powered aircraft, including 32 RB211-powered aircraft: 21 Boeing 747-400s, four 747-300s, and seven Boeing 767-300ERs, plus 11 BR715-powered Boeing 717s.
2. Jetstar, the wholly-owned subsidiary of Qantas, operates 25 V2500-powered Airbus A320-family aircraft. The V2500 is built by International Aero Engines (IAE), a consortium in which Rolls-Royce is a senior shareholder.

3. The Trent 900 is the fourth member of the Trent family of engines that Rolls-Royce has produced since the original Trent 700 first flew on the A330 in 1995.
4. Rolls-Royce has a leading 50 per cent market share on modern, widebody aircraft, with more than 1,500 Trent engines in service on more than 550 aircraft and a further 2,500 on backlog. Each of its six Trent engines has either been the first or launch engine on the airframe, or has gone on to take the leading market share. Based on the existing order book, the Trent fleet is expected to double in the next five years.
5. Rolls-Royce is working hard to improve the environmental impact of its products. Each year the company, in collaboration with its partners, 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.

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