



3 April, 2008

SICHUAN AIRLINES SELECTS ROLLS-ROYCE TRENT 700 TO POWER ITS FIRST TWIN-AISLE AIRCRAFT

Rolls-Royce announced today that Sichuan Airlines has chosen Trent 700 engines to power its fleet of three leased Airbus A330-200 twinjets from AerCap. The order includes a long term TotalCare® services agreement.

Mr. Lan Xinguo, Chairman of Sichuan Airlines said: *“The introduction of new-generation widebody aircraft to our fleet in 2010 will mark another phase in the growth of Sichuan Airlines. The Trent 700 will provide us with the best performance and flexibility for our Airbus A330 operations.”*

Steve Miller, Vice President Civil Aerospace, China at Rolls-Royce, said: *“This order demonstrates Sichuan Airlines’ continuing confidence in our products and relationship. We are proud and delighted that the Trent 700 will power Sichuan Airlines’ expansion into widebody aircraft, cementing our growing relationship with them, and look forward to working closely to deliver a smooth entry into service for the A330.”*

The Trent 700, market leader on the A330 with a 53 per cent market share, delivers outstanding levels of performance and the highest available thrust on the A330, resulting in increased operational flexibility. Latest technologies fed into the engine as a performance improvement package have delivered better fuel burn, which translates into lower emissions.

Sichuan Airlines is the 53rd customer or operator to select the Trent 700 for the A330 and will take delivery of its first aircraft in 2010.

Sichuan Airlines currently operates a fleet of 40 Airbus A320 family aircraft equipped with V2500 engines and five Embraer 145s powered by Rolls-Royce AE3007 engines. The V2500 is produced by the International Aero Engines consortium in which Rolls-Royce is a leading shareholder.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

1. The Trent 700 has a 100 per cent market share in mainland China, with 138 Trent powered A330s delivered or on order.
2. The Trent 700 is the only engine on the A330 that has been specifically designed for the aircraft, resulting in better lifetime performance, reliability and maintenance costs. It is also the quietest and cleanest option on the A330, with the greatest margin to CAEP 4 legislation.
3. A programme of continuous improvement, involving the introduction of the latest Trent family technology to the Trent 700, will ensure increased benefits to customers, such as the lowest fuel burn of any engine on the A330.

4. Rolls-Royce is working hard to improve the environmental impact of its products. Last year Rolls-Royce, in collaboration with its partners, invested over £800 million in research and development, two thirds of which was aimed at reducing the environmental impact of its products. This technology investment is primarily aimed at reducing noise and emissions
5. TotalCare, tailored for individual operators, offers a range of services from Rolls-Royce covering all aspects of asset management in support of its Civil Aerospace products. Building on the company's knowledge, experience and infrastructure, these services include elements such as predictive maintenance, logistics management, and global repair and overhaul offerings. TotalCare can remove uncertainties from engine management and improve operational reliability for operators through a mutually aligned business relationship.

News Desks: For visual material, please go to the Rolls-Royce Media Room, where images are available at www.rolls-royce.com/media/gallery/default.jsp. Broadcasters requiring broadcast-standard video, please visit www.thenewsmarket.com/rolls-royce. If you are a first-time user, please take a moment to register. In case you have any questions, please email journalisthelp@thenewsmarket.com

For further information:

Martin Johnson
Vice President, Communications
Rolls-Royce plc
Tel: +44 (0)1332 269911
Fax: +44 (0)1332 269540
Email: Martin.Johnson@rolls-royce.com