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**ROLLS-ROYCE TO SUPPORT GERMAN NAVY'S T56 ENGINES**

Rolls-Royce Deutschland has been selected by the Federal Office of Defence Technology and Procurement to provide innovative support services for the propulsion systems on the Federal Navy's eight P-3C Orion maritime patrol aircraft. Rolls-Royce was able to win a fierce competition by offering the most cost-effective solution.

Rolls-Royce Deutschland will shortly enter into negotiations with the Federal Office of Defence Technology and Procurement on the details of the support contract, with a view to offering the German Navy and Luftwaffe a tailored service package.

"We are delighted with the trust which the Bundeswehr has placed in us," said Dr. Christian Poensgen, Head of Defence Programmes at Rolls-Royce Deutschland. "Rolls-Royce Deutschland is an integral part of the global Rolls-Royce Group. The experience that we have developed from accumulating 250 million flying hours on over 18,000 T56 engines will be incorporated into our support concept so that we can offer the Bundeswehr, a partner of many years' standing, a reliable and comprehensive service."

In providing support for the T56 propulsion systems, the company will be working closely with Dornier Flugzeugwerft GmbH (DFW), which is responsible to support the airframe and the mission equipment.

At its Oberursel site, Rolls-Royce Deutschland offers extensive support services, ranging from repair and overhaul to logistics and development support, for a number of military gas turbines for the German armed forces and international customers.