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BRANDENBURG'S MINISTER-PRESIDENT PLATZECK THANKS ROLLS-ROYCE FOR ITS ENGAGEMENT IN BRANDENBURG

The commitment of Rolls-Royce to the State of Brandenburg in Germany, home to the headquarters of Rolls-Royce Deutschland, was emphasised by the state's Minister-President Matthias Platzeck during his first visit to the Group's facilities in Derby, UK.

Since it was established in 1992, the Rolls-Royce Deutschland facility at Dahlewitz, near Berlin, has been the centre for the development and assembly of the BR700 engine family, and it now also assembles V2500 and Tay engines.

Minister-President Platzeck said: "Over the last few years, Rolls-Royce has many times demonstrated its faith in the Brandenburg location of Dahlewitz and the greater Berlin region."

Sir John Rose, Chief Executive of Rolls-Royce, said: "Our two facilities in Germany are important examples of the increasingly international nature of our business. Rolls-Royce Deutschland is also the only location outside the US and the UK with the capability to manufacture complete civil aero engines. These important investments are very much a tribute to German engineering skills and the effective support we have received from the State of Brandenburg."

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, operates in four global markets - civil aerospace, defence aerospace, marine and energy.

2. Rolls-Royce has a broad customer base comprising 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 120 countries. Rolls-Royce is a technology leader, employing 38,000 people in offices, manufacturing and service facilities in 50 countries.

3. Annual sales total £7.4 billion, of which 53 per cent are services revenues. The firm and announced order book is £26.1 billion, of which aftermarket services represent 38 per cent, providing visibility of future levels of activity.

4. Rolls-Royce Deutschland, a 100% subsidiary of the Rolls-Royce Group, is Germany's only fully-certified engine manufacturer with complete systems capability for the design, production and after-sales support of modern civil and military turbine engines. It has a workforce of around 2,500 divided between its sites in Dahlewitz and Oberursel.

5. The BR700 family of engines was developed at the Dahlewitz plant. As the competence centre for two-shaft engines within the Rolls-Royce Group, Dahlewitz is also responsible for the Tay, Spey and Dart engine series. In 2005, responsibility for the V2500 programme, its technology management, final assembly and test were transferred to Rolls-Royce Deutschland.

6. The Oberursel site manufactures high-tech components for a number of Rolls-Royce engine programmes. Small gas turbines for civilian and military applications are being maintained and overhauled. The Rolls-Royce Turbomeca RTM322 engines, for the Bundeswehr's new NH90 helicopters, are undergoing final assembly in Oberursel, from where they are also maintained and supported.

7. In Thuringia, Rolls-Royce laid another foundation stone illustrating its long-term commitment in Germany. Teaming with Lufthansa Technik, the N3 Engine Overhaul Services joint venture was founded in Arnstadt. In this state-of-the-art maintenance centre, Rolls-Royce Trent 500, 700 and 900 engines will be serviced and overhauled for leading European, American and African airlines.

8. Rolls-Royce cooperates with numerous German research institutions, such as universities and the German national aerospace research institute (DLR). The BTU Cottbus, the TU Dresden and the TU Darmstadt have already joined the Rolls-Royce University Technology Centre (UTC) network. The UTCs operate on a long-term, funded basis, which ensures continuity of research work.

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