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ROLLS-ROYCE TRAINEES HAND “ENGINE ROOM” OVER TO VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

Together with their instructors and other representatives of Rolls-Royce, Rolls-Royce trainees today handed over the “engine room” they had designed to the Dahme-Spreewald Technical College (DSTC) in Schönefeld. In a project that lasted over six months, the eight trainees fabricated an exhibit in the form of an engine model and completely transformed the vocational studies room in their vocational college.

Commenting on their achievement, Dr. Michael Haidinger, Chairman of the Board of Management of Rolls-Royce Deutschland and COO Corporate and Regional Engines, Rolls-Royce, said, *“The new engine room at DSTC in Schönefeld has been transformed into a veritable jewel. Our trainees have thus not only created better conditions for their own training, but many future generations of aircraft mechanics will benefit as well. This is another example of Rolls-Royce’s successful concept for training and the promotion of young talent. And naturally, as a German aerospace company, it also gives us great pleasure to be making a further contribution to the success of Berlin-Brandenburg as an aerospace centre.”*

Andreas Kuhlich, Head of Department I of Dahme-Spreewald Technical College, thanked them with the words, *“It gives us great pleasure to be able to officially open our new engine room together with Rolls-Royce. This impressive specialist room will enable the College to train its students, who by the way do not all come from Rolls-Royce, even better and with even more emphasis on real-world practice. The engine model is an important enhancement to the training we offer, as up to now we have not had a complete model that we could use to graphically illustrate the design of aircraft engines and how they work in this way.*

“I would also like to point out that it is the apprentices themselves who, through their hard work and technical and practical expertise, made this project a reality. They have demonstrated thereby that they identify with their future vocations.”

Within the framework of the project, the trainees built the engine model using parts from Rolls-Royce BR715 engines. The eight-person team designed and built the exhibit on their own under the technical direction of their instructors and their vocational college teacher. In the course of the collaborative project, the trainees acquired valuable knowledge on working with different materials used in aviation while at the same time further improving their team and communication skills.

The trainees have also entered the project in the Rolls-Royce ‘Learning and Development Awards 2009’ competition, the results of which will be announced on 28th April 2009 in Derby, England.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

1. 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.
2. Rolls-Royce 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. The BR700 family of engines, developed in Dahlewitz, are the first German civil jet engines to have international certification. As the Rolls-Royce Group's Centre of Excellence for two-shaft engines, Dahlewitz is also responsible for the Tay, Spey, Dart and V2500 engine series.
3. Rolls-Royce has a workforce of 3,000 in Germany divided between its two sites of Dahlewitz near Berlin and Oberursel near Frankfurt am Main.
4. Rolls-Royce Deutschland offers apprenticeships in the trades Industrial-Commercial Trainee, Aircraft Mechanic, Cutting Mechanic and Industrial Mechanic. In 2008 39 new apprentices started at Rolls-Royce Deutschland, thereof 15 in Dahlewitz.

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