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Rolls-Royce names Chris Cyr to lead airline engine business in the Americas

Rolls-Royce has announced the appointment of Chris Cyr as Executive Vice President for Airlines Americas for the company's Civil Aerospace Airlines business, based in Chantilly, VA.

Chris, who is succeeding Dave Whetton, took up his role in January and is responsible for sales, customer service and commercial activities within the Americas region, including North America, Central and South America.

Prior to this position, Cyr was based in Derby, England where he was responsible for the Rolls-Royce European Business team and prior to that as Senior Vice President of Sales for the organization. Chris joined Rolls-Royce in 2002 following several senior roles with both Goodrich and Pratt & Whitney.

Dave Whetton will be retiring from Rolls-Royce in April after more than 40 years of service.

Mike Terrett, President, Rolls-Royce Civil Aerospace said: *"Chris brings his leadership and sales experience to the Americas region following his successful role in Europe on the Boeing and Airbus campaigns for Rolls-Royce. We are excited about the future potential in this market over the next several years. We thank Dave for his outstanding service and dedication to the company over the past 40 years and wish him well in his retirement."*

Corporate note to editors:

1. Rolls-Royce, 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, defense aerospace, marine and energy. It is investing in core technology, capability and infrastructure that can be applied across these sectors to take a competitive range of products to market. These investments create high barriers to entry.

2. The success of its products is demonstrated by the company's rapid and substantial gains in market share. The company now has a total of 54,000 gas turbines in service worldwide and they generate a demand for high-value services throughout their operational lives.
3. The company seeks to add value for its customers with aftermarket services that will enhance the performance and reliability of its products. Services revenues have grown by 11 percent per annum compound over the past ten years.
4. Rolls-Royce has a broad customer base comprising 600 airlines, 4,000 corporate and utility aircraft and helicopter operators, 160 armed forces and more than 2,000 marine customers, including 70 navies. The company has energy customers in 120 countries. Rolls-Royce is a technology leader, employing around 37,000 people in offices, manufacturing and service facilities in 50 countries.
5. Annual sales total \$12 billion, of which 54 percent are services revenues. The firm and announced order book is \$45 billion, which, together with demand for services, provides visibility of future levels of activity.
6. In North America, Rolls-Royce employs nearly 8,000 people at 66 locations in the US and seven sites in Canada. The company has invested more than \$1 billion in the US to date.

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