GE AEROSPACE TO INVEST £19 MILLION TO MODERNISE WALES SITE

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GE Aerospace announced a £19 million investment over the next three years to refurbish its Wales site, a world-class centre for commercial engine MRO operations. This major project will enhance critical infrastructure, improve operational efficiency, and advance sustainability initiatives, ensuring the site remains a leader in supporting global commercial fleets.

The refurbishment will include upgrades to more than 70,000 square feet of roof space, as well as improvements to building cladding, insulation, and glazing installations. These enhancements will modernise the site's infrastructure, reduce energy consumption, and create opportunities for renewable energy projects. This investment represents the single largest at the Wales site in over two decades, following the construction of the widebody Test Cell facility in 1999.

Stephen Edwards, Managing Director & Executive Plant Leader at GE Aerospace Wales, commented: "This investment reflects GE Aerospace's commitment to operational excellence and sustainability. By modernising our infrastructure, we are not only enhancing our capabilities but also creating opportunities to support the next generation of engines and renewable energy

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projects. This investment secures the future of global operations right here in Wales, the gateway to the European aerospace market.”

The Rt Hon Eluned Morgan MS, the First Minister of Wales, stated: “I’m delighted that GE Aerospace has made this long-term commitment to its Nantgarw site and announced it at the Welsh Government’s Wales Investment Summit today. The plant has been a central part of the economy of South Wales for years, providing high quality jobs for generations of Welsh workers. This investment by GE Aerospace is a major vote of confidence in Wales and is great news for the local community, the local supply chain and especially the staff – not just the current workforce, but the workforce of the future.”

As one of Wales’ Anchor Companies, GE Aerospace plays a vital role in driving employment, skills development, and economic growth in the region. The site employs more than 1,350 highly skilled engineers and technical specialists, serving a global customer base with industry-leading MRO services. GE Aerospace Wales is also home to an award-winning Apprenticeship Programme, which currently has 43 apprentices on roll who are all supported by Coleg y Cymoedd, a local further education provider.

This investment is part of GE Aerospace’s larger strategy to advance infrastructure, skills, and operational excellence across Europe. In October 2024, GE Aerospace announced plans to invest over £107 million into MRO and Component Repair facilities across Europe through 2026. These investments demonstrate the company’s dedication to building a skilled workforce and supporting the evolving needs of the aerospace industry.

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