

ROLLS-ROYCE AND SAFRAN CELEBRATE THE OPENING OF NEW AEROSPACE PLANT IN POLAND

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Aero Gearbox International (AGI), a company established jointly by Rolls-Royce and Safran Transmission Systems (Safran), is celebrating the opening of a new 13,500 m² facility in Ropczyce (Podkarpackie, south-east Poland region). The site will produce accessory drive trains (ADT) for all of Rolls-Royce's future civil aircraft engines. The facility already employs more than 50 people and is expected to grow to eventually provide up to 200 direct positions. With the development of the necessary infrastructure and partnerships in south-eastern Poland further indirect employment will be triggered.

Accessory drive trains, sometimes referred to as accessory gearboxes, are a critical component of gas turbine engines, harnessing the engine's power to drive systems and accessories such as fuel pumps, hydraulic pumps and electrical generators. The new plant has already launched production of ADTs for the Rolls-Royce Trent XWB engine, which powers the Airbus A350 XWB, and subsequent projects will include future business jet applications and ADTs for the Trent 7000 engine, which will power the Airbus A330neo.

The opening ceremony was held in the presence of Mateusz Morawiecki, Deputy Prime Minister of

Poland, as well as Warren East, Chief Executive Officer, Rolls-Royce and Stéphane Abrial, Senior Executive VP International and Public Affairs, Safran.

Warren East said: “I am very pleased to open the new Aero Gearbox International plant in Ropczyce today. I look forward to seeing it become an integral part of our supply chain, delivering high value ADTs and contributing to Rolls-Royce’s growing share of market-leading civil large engines.”

Philippe Petitcolin, Chief Executive Officer, Safran, commented: “Today is a great day for Aero Gearbox International and Safran. We are extremely pleased to be able to enhance our partnership by capitalizing on the world-class accessory drive train systems expertise of Safran Transmission Systems. We wish AGI Poland a smooth operation and much success.”

Mateusz Morawiecki stated: “The establishment of this plant confirms the attractiveness of Poland for foreign investors. I congratulate Aero Gearbox International on the opening of a new production facility which proves that Poland is becoming one of the most important players in the aviation sector. I hope this investment will attract further innovative ventures to the region in the coming years.”

Created in 2015, Aero Gearbox International capitalizes on the combined experience and expertise of its parent companies, encompassing the design and production of accessory drive trains by Safran Transmission Systems and engine design and propulsion system integration by Rolls-Royce.

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