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## **Rolls-Royce appoints Leistriz to forge compressor blades**

*Leistriz announces a new high technology manufacturing base in Chonburi*

Rolls-Royce, a global power systems company, today announced that it has signed a 10-year manufacturing agreement with Leistriz, a global supplier of components for the international aero engine and power generation industry as well as an innovative partner of the automotive, plastics and machine building industry. To support the new agreement, Leistriz will establish a manufacturing base in Chonburi, Thailand for the forging of compressor blades.

Specifically, Leistriz will make the compressor blade forgings for V2500, Trent 700, Trent 900, and Trent 1000 engines.

Ewen McDonald, Managing Director, Rolls-Royce, Thailand, said: "We are delighted to announce this agreement with Leistriz, who is our third supplier to manufacture in the Kingdom. This reinforces our trust in the country's manufacturing capability and our commitment to Thailand. We will continue to work with the Board of Investment of Thailand to further develop our supply chain here."

Arnd Balzereit-Kelter and Dr. Daniel Holstein, Managing Directors of Leistriz Turbinenkomponenten are very pleased to be launching the new facility in Thailand, thereby further strengthening long lasting relationship with Rolls-Royce. They said, "The number of Rolls-Royce supplier based in Thailand is growing and we believe that the Kingdom offers world-class conditions to build up manufacturing capabilities for aero engines components."

### **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, energy and civil nuclear.
2. Rolls-Royce today has a broad customer base comprising more than 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 nearly 120 countries, with an installed base of 54,000 gas turbines.
3. Rolls-Royce employs over 38,000 skilled people in offices, manufacturing and service facilities in 50 countries. The Group has a strong commitment to apprentice and graduate recruitment, and to further developing employee skills.
4. Globally, Rolls-Royce invested £923 million on research and development in 2010, two thirds of which had the objective of further improving the environmental aspects of its products, in particular the reduction of emissions.

5. Annual underlying revenues were £11.1 billion in 2010, of which about half came from services revenues. The firm and announced order book stood at £59.2 billion at December 2010, providing visibility of future levels of activity.
6. Rolls-Royce has had a presence in Thailand since 1989, when it opened its regional office in Bangkok. Today it continues to be a key partner of Thailand's airline, defense, marine and energy industries. Rolls-Royce is committed to working in Thailand and supporting the country through investment, innovation and education.
7. Leistriz is the third supplier in Thailand that Rolls-Royce has appointed since it first set up its office. Together with previous appointments of Primus International and Weston SEA, Rolls-Royce is firming their commitment and presence in Thailand.

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