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METALTEC DELIVERS ON GE ROLLS-ROYCE FIGHTER ENGINE TEAM CONTRACT

Melbourne, Australia: Victoria-based Metaltec Precision Engineering is close to completing its contract to manufacture assembly tooling for the engine that will power the world's most advanced combat aircraft, the F-35 Lightning II.

Under the contract awarded in early 2008, the company was required to manufacture two sets of high quality assembly and disassembly tooling for the F136 engine variant for the F-35 and this is now 90% complete.

Mark Rhodes, Senior Vice President of the GE Rolls-Royce Fighter Engine Team said: "Metaltec plays a key role in the development of the F136 engine and has successfully met the challenging contract requirements. Metaltec's achievement demonstrates their growing capability in the Australian aerospace industry as they contribute to a crucial international program and help meet the future security needs of not only Australia but many other Joint Strike Fighter partner nations around the world".

Metaltec's Managing Director, Paul Hudson commented: "We have worked hard to develop collaborative international working relationships from our manufacturing base in Victoria and are pleased with the results of the F136 tooling contract".

"Feedback received from Rolls-Royce has been very positive in terms our responsiveness and performance to key metrics and we aim to develop and foster this relationship into the future" Paul added.

Approximately 130 tools have been delivered progressively to Rolls-Royce over the last 13 months to allow their team of engineers to meet tight engine production scheduling requirements on what is the world's largest military engine program.

The contract was initially awarded to Metaltec in recognition of its world-class capability in the field of aerospace tooling.

The F136 engine is a 40,000+lb thrust combat engine that will be available to power all variants of the F-35 for the US military and eight partner nations, including Australia.