
MTU joins U.S. military program as revenue-sharing participant in General Electric Company's F414 fighter

- **First direct participation by MTU Aero Engines in U.S. military program**

Farnborough – MTU Aero Engines has become a risk- and revenue-sharing participant in General Electric Company's F414 fighter engine program. This marks MTU's first direct program participation in the U.S. military market. The contract signing ceremony was held on Monday, July 17, at the Farnborough International Airshow by MTU CEO Udo Stark, and by Russ Sparks, president of GE-Aviation Military Engine Systems.

The agreement makes MTU a 2.5 percent risk- and revenue-sharing participant in the F414 program by providing the high-pressure spool as well as two high- and low-pressure turbine shroud hangers. Deliveries are scheduled to begin in 2007. MTU has rights to participate in any future derivatives of the F414 engine.

"For MTU, this entry into the U.S. military market through this agreement represents a major new milestone in the company's history," stated Udo Stark. "The U.S. market is the largest in the world, and we are pleased to have achieved this footprint in this attractive environment."

"This is a mutually beneficial arrangement," said Sparks. "MTU is an excellent supplier with a significant global aerospace presence. GE is seeking to place the F414 in new aircraft applications and to expand its presence in Europe. This teaming arrangement will provide a strategic long-term advantage."

The F414 powers the U.S. Navy's F/A-18 Super Hornet, which entered operational service in 2000. The Navy has taken delivery of about 265 of the 559 twin-engine F/A-18E/F and EA-18G aircraft planned for procurement. The engine may also be used for advanced trainer/light combat aircrafts. The F414 is also a potential powerplant for growth versions of aircraft currently powered by the F404 family of engines as well as other combat aircraft under development.

Through its North American subsidiary, MTU AENA, MTU has already delivered parts for the program on a smaller scale. MTU today achieves annual sales of about € 150 million (\$ 190 million) in the U.S. military market, mainly through its program shares in commercial engine programs with military applications, including the PW2000 program – which is also used on the Boeing C-17 military transport aircraft – and GE's CF6-80, providing the thrust to power the U.S. tanker fleet.



MTU Aero Engines is Germany's leading engine manufacturer and a global player in the industry. It closely cooperates with the big engine manufacturers. The company is the world's largest independent provider of commercial engine maintenance services. In the military arena, MTU is the German industrial lead company for practically all engines flown by the country's services. A technology leader worldwide, MTU excels in low-pressure turbines, high-pressure compressors, engine control units, as well as manufacturing and repair techniques.

GE-Aviation, an operating unit of General Electric Company (GE), is one of the world's leading manufacturers of jet engines for civil and military aircraft. Based in Cincinnati, Ohio (USA), GE-Aviation is a world-leading provider of maintenance and support services for jet engines.

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