
MTU Aero Engines increases stake in F414 engine and participates in the F404

- **Further enhancement of MTU's presence in the US military market**

Munich – MTU Aero Engines has increased its stake in General Electric Company's (GE) F414 military jet engine, and also secured a stake in the predecessor engine model, the F404. As a risk- and revenue-sharing participant Germany's leading engine manufacturer now holds a 3.5 percent share in the F414 – up from 2.5 percent previously. In addition, MTU has taken an approximate 1.5 percent share in the F404.

"With this increase of our stake in this program, we strengthen our position in the U.S. military market. This represents a major new milestone for MTU," stated MTU's Chief Executive Officer Udo Stark. "The U.S. market is the largest in the world. Gaining a strong foothold there is of vital importance to us."

GE has maintained a long and successful working relationship with MTU on both military and commercial jet engines. As GE pursues F414 and F404 opportunities in international markets and future military aircraft applications, the company benefits from its relationship with MTU.

MTU provides the F414 high-pressure compressor spool as well as two high- and low-pressure turbine shroud segments; new parts added under the extended agreement include a thermal shield for the high-pressure turbine and a rotating seal system. Deliveries of these additional parts are slated to begin in 2008. For the F404, MTU contributes the compressor spool.

The F414 powers the U.S. Navy's twin-jet F/A-18 Super Hornet in service since 2000. In total, the U.S. Navy has ordered 559 F/A-18E/F and EA-18G aircraft, over 300 of which have been delivered. Potential new F414 applications are successor versions of F404-powered aircraft as well as emerging training and combat aircraft. The F404 engine family is one of the most successful in military aviation history with more than 3800 engines powering several aircraft types worldwide, including the F/A-18A/B/C/D models, SAAB's Gripen, the KAI T-50, and India's Tejas LCA.

MTU Aero Engines is Germany's leading engine manufacturer and ranks among the global players in the industry. It cooperates closely with the world's major engine makers. In the commercial domain, it is the world's largest independent provider of engine maintenance services. In the military arena, the company is Germany's industrial lead company for practically all engines flown by the country's armed forces. Having established a leading position in engine technology, MTU excels in



low-pressure turbines, high-pressure compressors, engine control units, and in manufacturing and repair techniques.

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