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VECTOR AEROSPACE OPENS NEW FACILITY; SIGNS MOU WITH REPUBLIC POLYTECHNIC

In a move that further strengthens the aviation ecosystem in Singapore and enhances the nation's position as the leading aviation hub in Asia Pacific, Vector Aerospace Corporation (Vector Aerospace) has opened a $50-million state-of-the-art MRO facility in Singapore, and signed a three-year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Republic Polytechnic (RP) that will support the training of future aviation professionals to be industry relevant and industry ready.

Vector Aerospace's new 5,200 m2 facility will be a Pratt & Whitney Canada PW150 Designated Overhaul Facility equipped with full engine overhaul and test capabilities. Declan O'Shea, President & CEO of Vector Aerospace, said that the new facility will provide owners of PW150 engines and operators of the Bombardier Q400 regional turboprop a cost-effective and easily accessible MRO solution in Asia. When fully operational, the facility will employ a workforce of up to 140 staff in a variety of repair, test, engineering, commercial and support roles.

Vector Aerospace Asia's partnership with RP is in line with Singapore's long-term national movement, SkillsFuture, which aims to deepen the skills of the workforce through good career

pathways. Through the MOU, Vector Aerospace Asia will provide regular internships and industrial attachments for polytechnic students, as well as scholarships to deserving students. Through these internships, students will gain the chance to acquire the industryrecognised Non-Destructive Testing (NDT) Level II Certification.

“Republic Polytechnic is delighted to partner Vector Aerospace Asia to contribute to Singapore’s growth as a premier aviation hub,” said Mr Yeo Li Pheow, Principal/CEO of Republic Polytechnic. “This partnership provides RP students with internships at Vector Aerospace Asia for up to six months. The students will have opportunities to deepen their skills and acquire professional certification, and hence places them in good stead to eventually join the workforce as aerospace professionals, thereby contributing to the growth of this sector.”