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RECOGNISING THE BEST IN SINGAPORE'S AEROSPACE SECTOR

As the Industry Awards Partner of the Singapore Aerospace Awards (SAA) 2011, the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) had the opportunity to support and recognise the aerospace companies which contributed to industry growth by sponsoring four of the awards at the event. This year's SAA saw a slew of awards, including six major accolades, given to companies that excelled in areas such as productivity and safety. One of the ceremony's highlights is the Singapore Aerospace Industry Excellence award which went to Singapore Aero Engine Services Pte. Ltd (SAESL), as the company demonstrated the most outstanding performance in outpacing the industry. According to Dr Aloysius Tay, Chief Executive, Association of Aerospace Industries Singapore (AAIS), this award looks at overall performance and underscores the key quality attributes and strategies of a company which were instrumental to its success. "SAESL thrived by making a strong commitment to satisfying all stakeholders of the value chain including customers, partners and the authorities," said Tay. SAA also paid tribute to J Y Pillay, Founding Chairman of Singapore Airlines (SIA) and Chairman of the Council of Presidential Advisors. He received a citation for his invaluable contributions to Singapore's aviation industry, which included rapidly developing SIA from a humble 12-fleet airline into a world-renowned travel brand.

The Aerospace Supplier eXchange (ASX) was held in conjunction with SAA, and is part of an ongoing effort to leverage excellence and best practices in the aerospace sector to promote and progress Singapore as a trusted, global air hub. This is achieved through conferences and an exhibition to showcase the products and services of the third and fourth tier suppliers to the aerospace industry. In the spirit of recognising the efforts of local companies, Yap Ong Heng, Director-General, CAAS, shared why ASX is extra special this year at its opening ceremony. "ASX 2011 is especially significant as it coincides with Singapore's milestone of a century in aviation. We should be proud that 100 years after a Bristol Boxkite biplane took off in Singapore, we now have ingenious companies with the capabilities to serve the aviation industry."