

Rolls-Royce Canada marks 50th birthday with a \$20 million expansion in Quebec

Rolls-Royce Canada has completed a \$20-million expansion of its turbine engine overhaul and production facility in Lachine, Quebec — one of the largest of its kind in North America. The expansion gives Rolls-Royce Canada 13 per cent more working area, bringing the total to 510,000 square feet, including five engine test cells and 70,000 square feet of warehouse space.

Within this added space Rolls-Royce Canada will be able to repair more of the engines it already services and also to take on new models, notably the recently developed Rolls-Royce Industrial Trent.

Designed in Canada by Rolls-Royce Gas Turbine Engines Canada Inc., the Industrial Trent is a land-bound turbine with ancestral ties to the skies. In developing the engine, Rolls-Royce incorporated design principles the company pioneered in the aero version of the Trent, one of the world's most powerful jet engines. Combining efficiency and environmental friendliness, the natural gas-fed Industrial Trent has already set a world record, of 55 MW for power output, for an aero-derived gas turbine.

To accommodate the new workload, Rolls-Royce Canada will add 100 new employees to the present workforce of 1,000.

A world market

The new expansion coincides with Rolls-Royce

Canada's fiftieth anniversary of operations in Canada — the company set up shop in 1947 and moved into its present location in 1952. Today, Rolls-Royce Canada serves over 500 corporate airline, military and industrial customers in 30 countries on five continents.

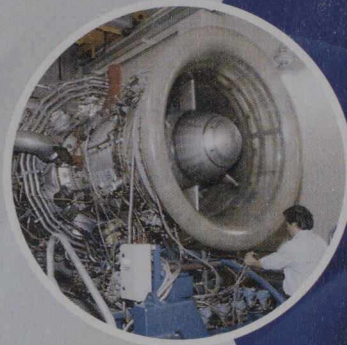
In addition to the repair and overhaul work on industrial gas turbines, Rolls-Royce Canada has been designated by Rolls-Royce plc as the worldwide new production assembly and test centre for all Rolls-Royce aero-derived industrial gas turbine engines, notably the Industrial Trent, RB211 and Avon.

On the aviation side, the Lachine facility provides service support for engines powering a variety of aircraft, including such established workhorses as the Gulfstream business jets, the Fokker 70 and Fokker 100, the Boeing 757 and the U.S. Navy's F405 trainer.

In its expanded facilities, Rolls-Royce Canada will also

be providing service backup for engines that will power a new generation of aircraft. The company has a five-year exclusive contract to provide North American service support for the BMW-Rolls-Royce BR 710 engine which will power the Bombardier Global Express and the Gulfstream V business jet.

Rolls-Royce Canada is part of Rolls-Royce North America Inc., which brings together all Rolls-Royce operations on this continent. Rolls-Royce North America is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Rolls-Royce plc. The parent corporation is a worldwide, high technology engineering company. It specializes in power generation for aerospace, industrial and marine applications; in the generation, transmission and distribution of electrical power; in materials handling, and in nuclear power generation. ♦



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