

 **PRESS RELEASE**

## **Safran Aero Boosters and BMT Aerospace work together on the Pratt & Whitney F135 engine for the F35 military aircraft**

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**Safran Aero Boosters, based in Belgium's Walloon region, and the Flemish company BMT Aerospace will partner under the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that Safran Aero Boosters signed with Pratt & Whitney on December 10, 2023. The signing took place at Lockheed Martin, manufacturer of the F35 aircraft, in Texas (USA), during the roll-out ceremony for the first Belgian F35, and was attended by Prime Minister Alexander De Croo and a large Belgian delegation.**

This MoU covers a Research and Technology project to produce engine structural parts using innovative processes. Industrial tools and expected commercial returns will be shared between Flanders and Wallonia.

Safran Aero Boosters has also signed a second MoU with Pratt & Whitney to develop a new manufacturing technology applicable to a family of components for the F135 engine, which will result in the setting up of a dedicated production line near Liège in Belgium.

*"I'd like to thank the Ministry of Defense and the Walloon government for their ongoing support in building these long-term agreements with engine manufacturer Pratt & Whitney. We hope to bring to fruition these projects to obtain this billion-euro business in Belgium, with the resulting jobs and technological advances."* says François Lepot, CEO of Safran Aero Boosters.

*"This project, for which we are partnering with Safran Aero Boosters, represents a substantial volume of industrial return for Belgium's purchase of the F35: we're talking about 700 million euros in business over the life of this highly promising program."* said Benoit Reynders, CEO of BMT Aerospace.



*"Safran is an international high-tech group operating in the fields of aeronautics (propulsion, equipment and interiors), space and defense. Its core purpose is to contribute to a safer, more sustainable world, where air transport is more environmentally friendly, comfortable and accessible. Safran has operations on every continent, with 83,000 employees and sales of 19.0 billion euros in 2022. Working alone or in partnership, the Group holds leading positions in its core markets on a global and European level. Safran is actively involved in research and development programs that support the environmental priorities of its technological innovation roadmap. Safran is a listed company on Euronext Paris and is included in the CAC 40 and Euro Stoxx 50 indices."*

**Safran Aero Boosters** designs, develops and produces low-pressure compressors (a subassembly of the aircraft engine), oil equipment and test cells for aerospace propulsion. The company equips most civil aircraft in service as well as the European

launch vehicle Ariane. Safran Aero Boosters is a member of the Safran Group (F-67% of share capital). The other shareholders are the Région Wallonne (B-31%) and the Société Fédérale d'Investissement et de Participation (B-2%).

**BMT Aerospace**, a leading company in the manufacturing of Aerospace geared parts supporting all major Aircraft and Aerospace Engine companies. With its HQ in Belgium, BMT operates from Belgium, Romania and USA. BMT Aerospace gears, gearboxes, transmissions and actuators are raising standards throughout the global aerospace industry. BMT Aerospace is also a major player on Additive manufacturing applications and develops know-how and expertise to support Aerospace projects and innovation using that technology.

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