Teledyne FLIR Defense Wins $91 Million Contract from U.S. Army for Black Hornet 4 Nano-Drones

Teledyne FLIR Defense, part of Teledyne Technologies Incorporated (NYSE:TDY), has won a five-year contract worth up to $91 million to provide its Black Hornet® 4 Personal Reconnaissance Systems to the United States Army. The advanced nano-unmanned aerial systems (UAS) are being acquired under the Soldier Borne Sensor (SBS) program, Phase II.

Teledyne FLIR has received $25 million in initial orders that will cover delivery of the first tranche of Black Hornet 4 drones, as well as controllers, spare parts, and training.

The U.S. Army began acquiring Black Hornet 3 systems for the original SBS program in 2018. Since then, they have placed orders totaling more than $215 million for the multi-faceted drone. Soldiers are using the UAVs to augment squad and small unit surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities.

The Black Hornet 4 system is designed to be easy for the soldier to carry, launch quickly, and then provide video and images back to the operator. This capability provides soldiers with situational awareness more safely from a protected position.

“The Black Hornet 4 stands out as the world’s most capable nano-UAS for the world’s most high-risk missions,” said Dr. JihFen Lei, president of Teledyne FLIR Defense. “We are honored the Army continues to place its trust in us as drone-of-choice provider for Soldier Borne Sensor, and we’re proud to see our technology making a real difference for warfighters on the battlefield.”

Black Hornet systems are currently being used by more than 40 countries to provide a quick response when soldiers need to collect vital information about the areas they are operating in and moving into.

The award-winning Black Hornet 4 is designed and built by Teledyne FLIR Defense in Norway. Deliveries of the latest SBS Phase II orders began in September.

Quelle:

Teledyne Press Release 22 October 2024

Saab presents new compact sensor for communication surveillance

Saab announces the launch of Sirius Compact L20C, a highly mobile, passive sensor designated for tactical reconnaissance of communication signals.

Saab presented the Sirius Compact L20C, a new addition to Saab’s Sirius Compact tactical Electronic Warfare (EW) sensor family at an event in Nuremberg, Germany. This new Communications–Electronic Support Measures (C-ESM) sensor can detect, classify, localise and track communication signals such as enemy troop radios or drone signals. Saab thus offers a modern and NATO-compatible sensor system that provides a high degree of operational flexibility in the field of electromagnetic reconnaissance.

The L20C sensor is capable of operating remotely, is easy to operate and difficult to detect. With high bearing accuracy and state-of-the-art signal processing for robust signal detection, L20C supports the electromagnetic situation picture (Recognised Electromagnetic Picture). The compact form factor and NATO-compatible interfaces enable a wide range of deployment scenarios, such as soldier-borne transport, use on highly mobile light vehicles or tool-free

installation on masts. The design philosophy of the sensor follows the principles of Software Defined Defence: namely standardised data interfaces which enable seamless integration into Command & Control (C2) systems.

“Our newest Sirius Compact sensor, L20C, is a milestone within the Sirius Compact family. Our customers will benefit from L20C to always stay ahead of the threats through its capability to track enemy communication signals. In combination with Sirius Compact L20R, it provides users with vital information simultaneously to deliver situational awareness that is of the highest relevance on today’s battlefield,” said Carl-Johan Bergholm, head of Saab’s business area Surveillance.

Quelle:

Saab Press Release 15 October 2024

HENSOLDT, Lufthansa Technik Defense and Bombardier Defense Celebrate Successful First Flight of PEGASUS Aircraft

- Bombardier’s *Global* aircraft, modified for the German armed forces’ Persistent German Airborne Surveillance System (PEGASUS) program, takes to the skies at Bombardier’s Wichita Flight Test Center
- With this new milestone, the first aircraft out of three to integrate the HENSOLDT “Kalætron Integral” signals intelligence (SIGINT) system for airborne surveillance missions is one step closer to entering service
- The aircraft will remain at Bombardier’s Wichita facility for further flight testing before its upcoming systems integration and aircraft certification, to be completed by Lufthansa Technik Defense in Hamburg, Germany
- An official celebration of PEGASUS’ first flight was held in Wichita today, bringing together officials from HENSOLDT, Lufthansa Technik Defense and Bombardier Defense. This event marked the beginning of the flight testing phases for the next-generation German program

HENSOLDT, Lufthansa Technik Defense and Bombardier Defense today announced that the PEGASUS aircraft has completed its first flight out of Bombardier’s facility in Wichita, Kansas. Led by HENSOLDT, PEGASUS is an airborne missionized platform that will integrate the Kalætron Integral SIGINT system to perform highly critical signal surveillance missions for the German armed forces. As the aircraft officially enters its next phase and is moving one step closer to the Lufthansa Technik Defense-led systems integration and certification, a celebration was held to mark the PEGASUS aircraft’s first flight. Representatives from HENSOLDT, Lufthansa Technik and Bombardier Defense as well as representatives from the German Armed Forces traveled from Germany, Canada, and across the United States to gather in Wichita and celebrate this pivotal program milestone.

This stage of aircraft testing is conducted by the Bombardier Flight Test Centre (BFTC) team, located in Wichita, where Bombardier’s highly skilled pilots validate key aspects of the program. These successful tests demonstrate the high capability of the Bombardier *Global* aircraft to complete the German air force’s critical missions. This represents a significant

milestone for the first of three modified *Global 6000* aircraft destined to be delivered to the German Bundeswehr.

“Germany’s next generation signal intelligence aircraft is flying high,” said Steve Patrick, Vice President, Bombardier Defense. “This successful first flight is the result of the strong collaboration and shared knowledge between HENSOLDT, Lufthansa Technik Defense, Bombardier Defense and our suppliers to get the modified, high-performing *Global 6000* aircraft for the Pegasus program in the air. With flight testing regularly underway from Bombardier’s Wichita base, the aircraft continues to gather essential certification data to improve and perfect the platform before it moves to the next stage.”

“Today marks an important milestone for the PEGASUS programme,” said Dietmar Thelen, Head of Spectrum Dominance Division at HENSOLDT. “With the integration of our Kalætron-Integral system, we are delivering key components that are essential for the ‘reconnaissance of tomorrow’. This achievement underscores the excellent cooperation between HENSOLDT, Lufthansa Technik Defense and Bombardier Defense.”

“Seeing the first PEGASUS aircraft taking to the skies bearing the Lufthansa Technik Defense logo fills me with pride and also joyful anticipation, as it brings us one decisive step closer to welcoming this aircraft back at our site,” says Michael von Puttkamer, Vice President Special Aircraft Services at Lufthansa Technik. “I’d like to congratulate and thank the outstanding Bombardier Defense team for their great performance in reaching this important project milestone, and I look forward to the upcoming flight test activities as well as the ongoing cooperation with HENSOLDT in the subsequent integration and certification of their highly sophisticated signals intelligence system.”

In June 2021, HENSOLDT was awarded the contract to supply an airborne system for electronic signals intelligence on board three Bombardier Global jets based on its Kalætron Integral system. Since that award, HENSOLDT, Lufthansa Technik Defense and Bombardier have collaborated closely on a joint design activity. Extensive structural modification work has been performed to prepare the first aircraft at Bombardier Defense’s U.S. base in Wichita, Kansas, which houses an important contingent of the company’s experienced and skilled defense workforce. This is the site of the initial ground and flight test activities.

Upon completion of initial testing, each aircraft will be transferred to Lufthansa Technik Defense’s facilities in Hamburg for further integration work. The company is moreover responsible for the regulatory certification of PEGASUS on the overall aircraft level. So far, Lufthansa Technik has completed its design activities for the integration of the mission system, the additional civil and military avionics systems as well as the aircraft cabin. The production process of interior parts has also already started in order to ensure the components’ readiness for immediate installation when the aircraft arrives in Hamburg. In the meantime, HENSOLDT has adapted the systems architecture to the operational needs of the German Bundeswehr. The corresponding hardware and software developments are currently in progress, various demonstrations have shown the immense potential and capabilities of the upcoming solution.

HENSOLDT is acting as general contractor and bears overall responsibility for the realization of the project. Lufthansa Technik Defense will act as a subcontractor, procuring the modified aircraft from Bombardier and fitting and integrating the reconnaissance system developed by HENSOLDT into the platform. Many small and medium sized enterprises from all over

Germany, Canada and the U.S. are involved in the project as part of the supply chain for all companies bringing PEGASUS to the finish line.

Quelle:

HENSOLDT Press Release 23 October 2024

Neues Lager in Texas stärkt Verfügbarkeit von Ersatzteilen

| *Zusätzliches Ersatzteillager ergänzt weltweites MRO-Geschäft der MTU*

| *Perimeter Global Logistics (PGL) übernimmt den täglichen Lagerbetrieb*

Die MTU Maintenance Lease Services B.V. (MLS) stärkt ihr Logistiknetzwerk und eröffnet am MTU-Standort in Fort Worth, Texas, ein Lager für Ersatzteile von Triebwerken. Ziel dieser Erweiterung ist es, für die Instandhaltungskunden die Verfügbarkeit von Triebwerksteilen zu erhöhen und zugleich die Lieferzeit zu verkürzen.

Für die in Amsterdam beheimatete Leasing- und Asset-Management-Einheit der MTU Maintenance ist es das zweite Lager dieser Art. Der führende Anbieter maßgeschneiderter Lösungen für die Instandhaltung, Reparatur und Überholung (MRO) von Flugtriebwerken wird damit die Ersatzteilversorgung für das weltweite MTU-Netzwerk weiter optimieren. Davon profitieren insbesondere die beliebten Triebwerksmodelle CF6-80, CFM56, GE90-110/115B und V2500. Den täglichen Betrieb und das Management des Lagers übernimmt Perimeter Global Logistics (PGL), ein US-amerikanisches Mitglied der Aerospace Logistics Alliance (TALA) im Auftrag der MTU.

Patrick Biebel, Geschäftsführer von MTU Maintenance Lease Services, betont, dass ein Ersatzteillager in Nordamerika – strategisch günstig gelegen an einem der wichtigsten Frachtdrehkreuze in der Region – der MTU dabei hilft, ihre Kunden schneller bedienen zu können. Materialanfragen von Triebwerksbetreibern und eigenen MRO-Standorten, die ON-SITE^{Plus}-Services anbieten, können damit noch umgehender beantwortet werden. MLS betreibt bereits seit 2021 ein vergleichbares Ersatzteillager in Amsterdam. Für 2025 plant die MTU die Eröffnung eines dritten solchen Lagers in China.

„Wir sind jetzt in der Lage, Ersatzteile innerhalb von maximal 24 Stunden nach Eingang einer Bestellung an Kunden in Nord- und Südamerika sowie Europa zu liefern. Diese Stabilität ist für unsere globalen und regionalen Instandhaltungsbetriebe enorm wichtig, etwa für unsere Instandhaltungsstandorte in Canada und Brasilien oder unser wachsendes Ersatzteilgeschäft“, so Biebel.

Rajan Sobhani, Präsident von PGL, sagt, dass sein Unternehmen mit der Eröffnung des Lagers in Ft. Worth den Wachstumskurs von MLS in den USA unterstützt. PGL und die TALA verfügen über das Fachwissen, die Fähigkeiten und das globale Netzwerk, um die komplexen Logistikanforderungen der MTU zu erfüllen. „Wir freuen uns, dass unsere Zusammenarbeit mit MLS und TALA nun zu diesem neuen Lager in Ft. Worth führt. Dies ist ein transformatives Logistikprojekt, das unser dynamisches Wachstum und das Engagement von PGL für den Erfolg unserer Partner unterstreicht“, sagte Sobhani. „Die kombinierte Fachkompetenz und der 24/7-Support gewährleisten einen reibungslosen Betrieb und qualitativ hochwertigen Service.“

Die MTU Maintenance Lease Services, Perimeter Global Logistics und TALA blicken auf eine langjährige erfolgreiche Zusammenarbeit beim Transport von Leasing-Triebwerken und Triebwerksständen zurück.

Quelle:

MTU Press Release 23 October 2024

CAE first to showcase immersive pilot training solution built for Apple Vision Pro

Global aviation training leader CAE has become the first to develop an immersive pilot training app for Apple Vision Pro. CAE's Apple Vision Pro app, currently showcased at NBAA-BACE in Las Vegas, Nevada, could be a game-changer for pilot training. By using spatial computing to bring true-to-life precision to flight deck interactions, the app will allow pilots to remotely complete training activities that are currently only available in training centres. As part of CAE's training ecosystem, the app will not only further increase the effectiveness and speed of training pilots safely but will also enable pilots to train anytime from anywhere.

"This Apple Vision Pro app developed by CAE will allow pilots to familiarize themselves with the flight deck, practice critical procedures, and develop muscle memory for key functions from anywhere," said Emmanuel Levitte, CAE's Chief Technology and Product Officer. "It will allow pilots to engage with realistic flight deck environments to further ensure they are ready for their full-flight simulator sessions and become even better prepared for any situation."

"The power and unique capabilities of Apple Vision Pro, combined with CAE's training environment, will give pilots more flexibility and better prepare them for the transition from ground school to the simulator," said Alexandre Prévost, CAE's Division President, Business Aviation Training. "With CAE's Apple Vision Pro app, we are not only providing our customers more convenience, but are also enhancing training efficiency at a time when the aviation industry faces an increased need to train new pilots."

In "Exploration Mode", a pilot can touch a specific control and view a description of that control in context. In "Guided Mode", the user is led to learn the various procedures of the aircraft, guiding the pilot to the next action required to learn the sequences. In "Flight Deck Interaction Mode", pilots can use the virtual flight deck to simulate any kind of interaction in a natural way and begin to train their muscle memory. In the real aircraft, for example, the main battery switch needs to be pulled before being flipped. The same can be done in this spatial computing experience.

With the ability to be programmed for any aircraft type, CAE's training app for Apple Vision Pro will be a great complement to existing CAE solutions for both business and commercial pilot training. The app is currently being tested on the Bombardier Global 7500 program and is scheduled to be rolled out in Spring 2025.

Quelle:

CAE Press Release 22 October 2024

Lilium Board approves application for self-administration of German subsidiaries

· Follows German parliament´s Budget Committee not approving a loan guarantee that was a condition precedent to a private fundraise

· Company was also unable to reach an agreement in principle with Bavarian government to guarantee a €50 million loan

· Application for self-administration proceedings driven by insolvency at Lilium subsidiaries in Germany

Lilium N.V. (Nasdaq: LILM), a leading electric aircraft manufacturer and pioneer in Regional Air Mobility (RAM), today announced that its principal German subsidiaries will apply for self-administration proceedings in the next few days with the competent court in Germany. This follows a lengthy and complex government approval process for a loan from KfW, which failed in the Budget Committee of the German parliament.

Lilium's international competition is receiving grants and loans in the U.S., France, China, Brazil, and the UK. Therefore, German government support was seen by Lilium investors as critical to retain market confidence and potential future investment.

"Our plan was to obtain shareholder investment in a new funding round anchored by a German government backed loan of €100 million," Lilium CEO Klaus Roewe said. "We had already conditionally secured additional private capital to complement the KfW loan. However, the Budget Committee was unable to agree on the loan and Bavaria couldn't do it alone."

German government support of the KfW loan was a closing condition to already committed private funding and without this support Lilium was left with no alternative but to cause the principal German subsidiaries to file for self-administration.

Lilium was also in advanced discussions regarding a French government guarantee of a €219 million loan to finance a battery factory and an assembly line in the Southwest of France. Following the Lilium Jet's planned first flight in early 2025, Lilium anticipated receiving pre-delivery payments and new investment to finance the company into 2026 when the company expected delivery would begin on its current order pipeline consisting of firm orders, reservations, options, and memoranda of understanding for more than 780 Lilium Jets to operators in the U.S., South America, Europe, Asia, and the Middle East.

Supporting the insolvency proceedings is now the top priority for Lilium. Customers, employees and suppliers will be notified by the company as soon as possible.

Self-administration, if and when granted by the court, aims to preserve and continue the business that is the subject of the proceedings. Management would retain control and would continue operating the business under the supervision of a custodian. The procedure is often used to initiate investment by new parties or a process to sell the company's assets and/or business as a whole. In Germany, the procedure is generally perceived as providing an improved chance for a successful in-court business restructuring.

"We deeply regret the insolvency and its consequences for all stakeholders at such a crucial stage of our company's development," CEO Klaus Roewe said. "However, while there is no

guarantee for success in insolvency proceedings, we hope that the Lilium Jet will get a chance for a fresh start after the self-administration process is completed."

"We strongly believe that electric flying is our best hope for the decarbonization of aviation," Klaus Roewe added.

Directly impacted by the filing are Lilium GmbH and Lilium eAircraft GmbH. Plans for affected stakeholders and the operational implementation of the necessary measures will be shared in the coming days after the filing and related procedures have been launched.

Quelle:

Lilium Press Release 24 October 2024

EH216-S Pilotless eVTOL Completes First Flight in Brazil

EHang Holdings Limited ("EHang" or the "Company") (Nasdaq: EH), the world's leading Urban Air Mobility ("UAM") technology platform company, today announced a major milestone with the successful completion of the first flight of its EH216-S pilotless eVTOL in Brazil.

EHang's first trial flight in Brazil took place in Quadra, located in the São Paulo region, in partnership with its local operator, Gohobby Future Technologies ("Gohobby). This achievement holds significant importance for the future development of UAM solutions in Brazil, a country known as the birthplace of Latin American aviation, home of one of the world's leading aeronautical industries, and one of the world's largest eVTOL markets. As for now, EHang and its local partners have carried out over 50,000 safe flights in 17 countries across Asia, Europe, North America, and Latin America.

Recently, Brazil's National Civil Aviation Agency ("ANAC") granted the Experimental Flight Authorization Certificate ("CAVE") to EHang´s EH216-S pilotless eVTOL, enabling trial operations with the aircraft system in Brazil. Within the framework of ANAC's CAVE certificate, EHang and local partner and operator Gohobby are carrying out extensive trial and test campaigns for the EH216-S in close collaboration with ANAC and the Brazilian Airspace Control Department ("DECEA"). These initiatives are designed to promote the development of Concepts of Operations and Unmanned Aircraft Traffic Management ("UTM") systems and services, paving the way for safe and efficient UAM deployment throughout Brazil.

EH216-S´s first flight, performed at Quadra in Sao Paulo region, in the presence of numerous Brazilian aviation representatives and the media.

Ms. Victoria Xiang, Chief Operating Officer of EHang Europe and Latin America, said, "We are delighted to have commenced EH216-S pilotless eVTOL flights in Brazil. This is a significant milestone in EHang's commitment on developing Advanced Air Mobility worldwide. The ongoing test and trial flight campaigns for the EH216-S in Brazil will allow

us to accrue a vast amount of data, information, and operational experience which in turn, will pave the way for developing safe, efficient, eco-friendly and accessible Urban Air Mobility for everyone across Brazil and Latin America."

Quelle:

EHang Press Release 24 September 2024

Volocopter to Undertake Leadership Changes

- Dr. Dieter Zetsche, former CEO Daimler AG, appointed as Chairman of the Advisory Board
- Dr. Zhihao Xu, CEO of Geely Technology Group, joins the Advisory Board
- CEO Dirk Hoke to step down from his role in February 2025 at his own request

The Advisory Board of Volocopter, the pioneer of sustainable aviation, has appointed Dr. Dieter Zetsche as Chairman of the Advisory Board. He takes up this position with immediate effect. As the Chairman, Dr. Zetsche will play a key role in supporting the strategic direction of the company.

Dieter Zetsche, renowned business leader, former CEO Daimler AG and a proven mobility expert, stated, "I am looking forward to helping shape the transformation of urban mobility alongside Volocopter and thus making a contribution to ensuring that Germany remains a leading mobility location in the 21st century."

Dieter Zetsche succeeds Stefan Klocke, who will remain a member of Volocopter's Advisory Board. "Stefan Klocke's entrepreneurial vision and foresight has helped turn the Bruchsal-based start-up into a company with global appeal. I look forward to continuing to work with him and his valuable contributions on the Advisory Board. Together with the entire team, we will drive forward the commercialization of Volocopter and thus write a new chapter in aviation history," said Zetsche.

Dr. Zhihao Xu, CEO of Geely Technology Group, has newly joined as a member of Volocopter's Advisory Board. His appointment supports the global orientation of the Board and business. "The mobility of the future will take place both on the road and in the air. Synergies are obvious, which is why I am delighted to be able to contribute my extensive experience to Volocopter," said Dr. Zhihao Xu.

Majid Mufti, CEO NEOM Investment Fund (NIF), will remain a member of the Advisory Board.

The appointments are effective immediately.

The board has accepted Dirk Hoke’s request to step down from his position as CEO at the end of February 2025. Over the past two years, he has succeeded in stabilizing the company technologically and financially despite a difficult investment market environment. Important entrepreneurial structures and processes have been established in the start-up that will continue to shape the company in the future. Following the successful Parisian flight test campaign during this summer’s Olympic Games period, the priority in the coming months will be to successfully complete the development of the VoloCity aircraft and become the first certified eVTOL company under the European Union Aviation Safety Authority (EASA).

"On behalf of the Advisory Board, I would like to thank Dirk Hoke for his strong commitment over the past two years. He took over Volocopter in a crucial phase and drove it forward, for which we would like to express our appreciation. We wish him all the best for the future," said Dieter Zetsche.

"In my career, I have never experienced such a dynamic company development in this short space of time. I am firmly convinced that the setup we have achieved puts us in the best possible position for the successful commercialization of Volocopter. It has been a privilege to lead this great start-up with its impressive employees. Until the end of February 2025, I will devote all my energy to achieving EASA certification and thus creating an essential building block for the future of Volocopter," said Hoke. "At the same time, I am pleased that we have been able to gain an experienced new Chairman of the Advisory Board in Dieter Zetsche, who has been with us for a long time, and will simultaneously strengthen our shareholder structure."

Hoke's successor as CEO will be announced by the Advisory Board in due course.

Quelle:

Volocopter Press Release 03 September 2024

Joby Welcomes Publication of New Operating Regulations by FAA

Joby Aviation, Inc. (NYSE:JOBY), a company developing electric air taxis for commercial passenger service, today welcomed the release of new rules designed to enable the operation of Joby's revolutionary aircraft in the United States.

Published by the Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA"), the Special Federal Aviation Regulation ("SFAR") establishes requirements for the safe and efficient integration of aircraft like Joby's into the nation's aviation system. In doing so, it lays the groundwork necessary for Joby to launch commercial passenger service in the U.S., once the Company has received type certification of its aircraft.

"The regulation published today will ensure the U.S. continues to play a global leadership role in the development and adoption of clean flight," said JoeBen Bevirt, Founder and CEO of Joby. "Delivering ahead of schedule is a testament to the dedication, coordination and hard work of the rulemaking team."

In a press release, the FAA referred to the new rule as "the final piece of the puzzle for safely introducing these aircraft in the near term." The FAA also stated that the rule "allows for pilots to train in powered-lift with a single set of flight controls," consistent with Joby's approach to preparing pilots for commercial service using high-fidelity simulators. In addition, the rulemaking includes regulations that will underpin Joby's commercial operations, such as helicopter-based energy reserve requirements.

The 2024 FAA Reauthorization Act, signed into law in May 2024, included a mandate for the agency to prepare for the safe and efficient introduction of electric and hydrogen-electric aircraft into the National Airspace System, in part by finalizing the SFAR.

Designed to carry a pilot and four passengers at speeds of up to 200 mph, the Joby aircraft will offer high-speed mobility with a small fraction of the noise produced by helicopters and zero operating emissions.

Quelle:

Joby Press Release 22 October 2024

Airbus partners with Avincis on Advanced Air Mobility

Airbus and Avincis, a well-established European helicopter operator, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to partner on the development of Advanced Air Mobility (AAM). The companies will collaborate to explore opportunities for operating electric vertical take-off and landing (eVTOL) aircraft throughout Europe.

Through the agreement, Airbus and Avincis will focus on defining the concept of operations for eVTOLs in Europe and beyond. Both parties will jointly work to define mission profiles for eVTOL operations in Europe and other target regions. This agreement is another step towards the creation of an AAM ecosystem and is an expansion of Airbus' long standing relationship with Avincis.

John Boag, CEO, Avincis, said: "Our partnership with Airbus is an important milestone for Avincis, as we look to the future of emergency air services and the platforms that will support our missions for generations to come. eVTOLs will play an important role in our long-term fleet strategy as these technologies continue to evolve to give us further reach and capability in the field.

"Airbus is at the cutting-edge of this evolution, and we are excited to be working with their team in understanding how we can harness the latest technology to bring more sustainable solutions to emergency services globally."

"We're pleased to partner with Avincis. Their established operational network, which is essential to enabling key missions such as emergency medical services, search and rescue, and fire-fighting, will be a valuable tool to collectively explore the mission potential of CityAirbus NextGen," said Balkiz Sarihan, Head of Urban Air Mobility at Airbus. "Through this collaboration we will explore how eVTOLs can contribute to missions that save lives and protect communities, a shared goal among our two companies."

The Avincis global fleet currently includes around 60 Airbus aircraft, which are critical to delivering safe, reliable and consistent operations from its bases across Europe, Africa and South America. Avincis and Airbus have enjoyed a longstanding and successful cooperation, developing a solid and trusting relationship that will form the foundation of this new eVTOL collaboration.

Airbus remains committed to expanding its network of partnerships around the world in order to build an ecosystem that promotes a viable AAM market. The fully electric CityAirbus NextGen prototype was presented to the public in March 2024, following the vehicle's final assembly and power-on in December 2023. The vehicle is now undergoing testing at the company's AAM test centre in Donauwörth, Germany prior to its initial flight later this year.

Quelle:

Airbus Press Release 05 June 2024