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SHAPING THE FUTURE OF AIR TRAVEL

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Our Products





- Fuselage, wing primary structures
- Nacelle & pylon
- Empennage



ENGINE SYSTEMS

- Fan Statics/ Rotatives
- Compressor
- Turbine Exit
- Space subsystems
- RM12 OEM





- > Transparencies
- Ice protection systems
- Lightweight missile canisters
- Electrical Wiring Interconnection Systems (EWIS) for aircraft and aircraft engines

LANDING GEAR

 Helicopter landing gear
Composite landing gear components GKN AEROSPACE







ufacturing sites only)





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GKN Aerospace - Innovative AAM Solutions GKN Position in AAM Market

- > Established Tier 1 technology supplier on *Aerostructures, EWIS & Transparencies*
- > Certified EASA Design & Production Organization
- > Proven processes to *rapidly* design, build, test and certify aerospace products
- Global Industrial capability for manufacturing at high rates at high delivery and quality performance
- Offering multi technology integrated aircraft sub-systems enabling further optimization in integrated design









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Key AAM Market Requirements

Success Criteria

- 1. Range & payload
 - i. Intra-urban aiming at 20-30nm with 4-5 pax
 - ii. Some aspirations for inter-urban range
- 2. Low noise a crucial requirement for urban operations
- 3. EASA certifying under SC-VTOL, FAA using part 23 with special conditions
- 4. Lifecycle sustainability will continue to grow in importance

Challenges and opportunities

- 1. **Product:** Performance, weight, efficiency, durability
- 2. Process: Aggressive cost targets and industrialization for ultra high rate







Key Technology Solutions

1. EWIS

- Affordable and certifiable HVHP solutions
- ii. More EWIS driven design especially with battery operated vehicles

2. Airframe technology developments

- i. Rapid design & development to accommodate fast product evolution
- ii. Scalable low cost lightweight materials
- iii. Industrialisation for ultra-high rate production
- iv. Dependable quality

3. Notional platforms development

. Deep understanding of performance and certification requirements





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GKN Aerospace - Innovative AAM Solutions High Voltage, High Power Applications

A key challenge for (hybrid-) electric AAM propulsion is integration of high voltage, high power & high frequency electrical capability

> Key Product Features

- i. Uncharted territory new market & requirements
- ii. No international standards exist (yet)
- iii. Unique technological advancements e.g. miniaturization
- iv. Custom-made parts & materials
- v. Future-proofing the aviation industry

> Key Capabilities

- i. Modelling electro-magnetic behavior of HV systems
- ii. Co-development of application-specific components
- iii. Leveraging our eco-systems and partnerships
- iv. Integration design for existing & new aircraft











Conclusion

- > AAM requirements are multifaceted as expected in the aero industry but even tighter (cost, performance, rate, technology) which can only be achieved through greater integration
- Knowledge of how we certify such products is key
- Set ready to be flexible as these products will evolve faster in terms of timescales but as the rates will be high, each evolution has the possibility to offer a good business case.
- Rapid development and optimisation are key aspects. The first to market with improved platform will capitalise.
- This is a true fusion between automotive market product reactions and aerospace stringent safety requirements.

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