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ROLLS-ROYCE EYES NEW OPPORTUNITIES IN MALAYSIA

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SINGAPORE, April 22 (Bernama) -- Rolls-Royce International, the world leader in high integrity engineering, is now working on a wide range of new opportunities in Malaysia.

These include further civil aero engine possibilities, power generation potential and military engine requirements arising from the RMAF's order of Rolls-Royce Adour-powered Hawk and its operation of Viper-powered Aermacchi aircraft.

Port development was another strong candidate for the Rolls-Royce Materials Handling Company, said a Rolls-Royce statement here today.

Rolls-Royce International has a well established representative office in Kuala Lumpur as well as a registered trading company and a new senior regional executive was recently appointed to add to its existing strong presence in Malaysia.

Power generation and electricity transmission systems are vital areas in which Rolls-Royce has already worked closely with Malaysian interests.

The company was responsible for the conversion of the Connaught Bridge power station to combined cycle operation and it is installing transmission substations throughout the country for TNB (Tenaga Nasional Bhd).

In power generation, Rolls-Royce emphasises complete project capability from the engineering and management of a turnkey contract for a large utility power station to the secure delivery and commissioning of a major component package embracing all main systems.

It said Malaysia was a prime partner in South East Asia where the Asia Pacific, as a region, already accounted for more than US\$2.5 billion (RM6.25 billion) or 25 percent of Rolls-Royce's aero and industrial power order books.

Rolls-Royce would also display a model of the Trent engine and its key components at two major events being held by Malaysia Airlines.

The first is the launching of the Malaysia Airlines Academy in Kelana Jaya on April 25 by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

This will be followed on May 7 by the opening of MAS Aerotechnology Sdn Bhd at the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport base by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

In January 1996, Malaysia Airlines became the latest airline to select the Rolls-Royce Trent 800 engines, the most powerful engine in the world today, for its fleet of 15 Boeing 777s plus two options.

Each Malaysia Airlines' Boeing 777 will be powered by two Trent 800 turbofan engines and deliveries are scheduled to begin in April 1997. --

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