

RESEARCH PROJECT AGREEMENT

SPECIAL CONFIGURATION TESTING

This specific Research and Collaboration Agreement (“**RPA**”) is made as of February 13, 2025 (“**Effective Date**”) by and between the “**Parties**”:

CZECH TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY IN PRAGUE, FACULTY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, a technical university organized and existing under the laws of the Czech Republic seated at Technická 4, Praha 6 – Dejvice, 166 07, ID NR. 68407700 (“**CVUT**”)

and

GE AVIATION CZECH s.r.o., a limited liability company, organized and existing under the laws of the Czech Republic seated at Beranových 65 19900, 199 00 Praha 18, ID NR. 27928845 (“**GEAC**”). GEAC trades as Avio Aero, a GE Aerospace company.

ARTICLE 1 – SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS AGREEMENT

- 1.1 This RPA regulates specific Research Project and incorporates the FRAMEWORK RESEARCH COLLABORATION AGREEMENT between the Parties dated 1.1.2024 (“**Framework Agreement**”).
- 1.2 Unless specified otherwise, the terms and definitions used in this RPA shall have the same meaning as defined in the Framework Agreement, where the term “**Reconciliation**” in this Agreement means the settlement of the value of the full eligible costs of CVUT participation on the Research Project against the value of financial Contributions already provided by GEAC during the Research Project.

ARTICLE 2 – RESEARCH PROJECT

- 2.1 **This Research Project aims to enhance effectivity of collaboration based on the learnings from the Parties’ preceding collaboration projects and to continue in a new series of research activities into (i) evaluate existing and potential properties of turboprop propulsion in special configurations by means of calculation and computer simulation and (ii) evaluate and confirm the real properties of turboprop propulsion of special configuration by experiments in the Test Cells of CVUT.**
- 2.2 **Commencement Date.** January 1, 2025.

- 2.3 Scope of work.** The Parties will carry out the Research Project in accordance with the agreed Scope of Work, within the Milestones. The work tasks shall be allocated respectively between the Parties as defined in **Annex 1**. Each Party is responsible for resources needed to complete its respective tasks. Each Party shall solely bear the cost and expense of such resources unless they agree to cover such resources in full or in part through Contributions.
- 2.4 Projected end date.** Expected duration of the complete project is until the end of 2028. However, the duration of this RPA covering a part of the project is expected until the end date of 2026, subject to change. The Parties shall annually meet to update Project plans to enable CVUT to properly plan and reserve resources and capacities.
- 2.5 Milestones.** The Parties shall use their best efforts to complete all Milestones within the agreed deadlines based on the plan.
- 2.5 Research Project Leader.** Based on CVUT's request GEAC shall lead the Research Project, subject to the directions of the Steering Committee.
- 2.6 Specific requirements.** Due to its nature, this Research Project has specific requirements which may deviate from general terms of the Framework Agreement. All RPA provisions conflicting with the Framework Agreement shall prevail.

ARTICLE 3- CONTRIBUTIONS

- 3.1 Contributions** of the Parties are defined in **Annex 2**.
- 3.2** CVUT shall use best efforts and best internal practices to use all funds effectively and economically and in direct connection to the implementation of this Research Project.

ARTICLE 4 – FOREGROUND TECHNOLOGY AND VALUATION

- 4.1 Foreground Technology ownership.** All Foreground Technology, including all testing data will be owned solely by GEAC. GEAC shall have immediate and unlimited right to use and share all Foreground Technology upon its creation, subject to Art. 4.3 below.
- 4.2 Permitted use by CVUT.** CVUT will have access to and the right of use as prescribed in the Framework Agreement only with respect to anonymized and derivative data based on the Foreground Technology that GEAC will release to CVUT as may be necessary to conduct the collaborative research activities. Additional limitations may apply. The Parties shall make all efforts to enable CVUT to use as much data as possible given the specific nature of this Research Project.
- 4.3 Eligible costs.** GEAC shall fully reimburse the full costs of the Research Project (including the costs of actual access to CVUT's Infrastructure) in accordance with

Section 2.2.2.(a) of the EU Framework which are reasonably used in direct connection with the completion of the Research Project in accordance with the agreed Research Project plan (“**Eligible costs**”).

- 4.4 **Costs Reporting.** Within 45 days following the end of each month CVUT will submit to GEAC a detailed breakdown of CVUT’s costs for the preceding periods (“**Report**”). Report will be based on CVUT’s methodology for reporting and allocation of costs and shall be in the structure of the budget and in reasonable detail to allow the Parties to (i) primarily track actual spending versus planned spending and (ii) ex post assess eligibility of such costs (taking into consideration that some costs may be reported later for previous periods). GEAC acknowledges that certain CVUT’s costs may include VAT. GEAC acknowledges that the level of primary accounting documentation shall not be made regularly available on monthly basis but only upon request, in cases where there are unexpected costs, doubt arises, or clarification is needed.
- 4.5 **Cost assessment.** GEAC shall review the Report within 30 days and submit to CVUT questions or concerns. CVUT shall promptly answer all GEAC’s queries. At the end of the review process, the Parties shall agree which costs are Eligible Costs.

ARTICLE 5 – RECONCILIATION

- 5.1 Parties agree to reconcile Eligible Costs and all Contributions on annual basis. Reconciliation for preceding year shall be finalized no later than by April 30 of the following year and eventual outstanding balance will be settled based on CVUT’s invoice payable in 30 days.

ARTICLE 6 – TERM AND TERMINATIONS

- 6.1 **Expiration.** This RPA shall expire upon the earlier to occur of (i) fulfillment of all Milestones and reconciliation, (ii) mutual written agreement of the Parties certifying that the Research Project has been completed, or (iii) mutual written agreement of the Parties about termination of the Research Project.

ARTICLE 7 – SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

- 7.1 **Annex 4** contains additional security requirements the Parties shall comply with during mutual collaboration and testing activities under this RPA.

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