

4 May 2020

## **Open Letter: The Singapore Aerospace Community Stands in Solidarity with the Nation**

Humanity faces a global health crisis and impending recession on a scale not seen since Singapore's independence. We cannot say what lies ahead or how long the journey will be. But we know these are times that will test the mettle of our nation and the fabric of our society.

2. In the early months of the pandemic, Singapore moved swiftly and decisively, taking action to limit the spread of the virus and protect the health and safety of all. We are grateful for the measures announced in the Unity, Resilience and Solidarity Budgets, which will help ease some burden for businesses, individuals and communities. The government has shown strong leadership and transparency in its handling of the pandemic.

3. As a community representing the Singapore aerospace industry, we stand in solidarity with our nation in our efforts to tackle the COVID-19 pandemic. Our industry is no stranger to severe external shocks. Our Association itself was born in adversity, soon after the aviation slump in the early 2000s due to 9-11 and SARS. We surmounted those challenges collectively, and the industry has since grown steadily to command a 10 percent share of the global maintenance, repair and overhaul market, and to provide jobs for 22,000 people.

4. As an essential service, the industry is supporting Singapore's vital aviation hub to keep the supply chain going. We are also continuing our efforts to make air travel more accessible, safer and sustainable. As we implement our plans for ensuring business continuity, like all

AAIS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



Lim Hee Joo (Ms)  
Executive Director  
Wah Son Engineering Pte Ltd



James Partington  
Manufacturing Executive - Fan Blade  
Singapore  
Rolls-Royce Singapore Ltd



Ekkehard Pracht  
General Manager  
Liebherr-Singapore Pte Ltd



Philip Sung  
Global Operations Manager – Aftermarket  
General Manager – Asia  
Auxitrol Weston Singapore Pte Ltd



Rahul Shah  
Senior Vice President  
Strategic Growth and Business  
Development –  
Asia Pacific, Middle East and Africa  
AAR International Inc



Koh Pak Keng (Dr)  
Director  
ECK Pte Ltd



Matthieu Pere  
Chief Executive Officer  
Safran Electronics & Defence  
Services Asia Pte Ltd



Philip Ang  
Vice-President Operations  
Singapore Aero Engines  
Services Pte Ltd



Jimson Ngiam  
Director, Quality & HSE  
Thales Solutions Asia Pte Ltd



Laurence Barrett  
Founder and Chief Executive Officer  
Barrett Aerospace Pte Ltd



Kenneth Low (Dr)  
Associate Professor & Programme Director  
Singapore Institute of Technology



Sia Kheng Yok  
Chief Executive  
Association of Aerospace Industries  
(Singapore)