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# CAE and Textron Aviation Defense sign MOU to expand collaboration and enhance next-generation training

 Agreement amplifies recent success in the U.S. to extend collaboration on next-generation T-6 training

London, September 13, 2023 – Today, at the Defence and Security Equipment International (DSEI) conference, CAE [NYSE: CAE; TSX: CAE] signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Textron Aviation Defense LLC that expands efforts to support defence force preparation, integrate next-generation aircraft and develop advanced capabilities. The collaboration between CAE and Textron Aviation Defense addresses the growing need for military-led and industry-enabled flight training services that employ emerging technology and innovative instructional approaches to enhance the next-generation T-6 training ecosystem.

"Effective industry collaboration is critical to advance training and simulation that will enable agile and efficient customer-driven solutions," said Marc-Olivier Sabourin, Vice President, CAE Defense & Security, International. "CAE is dedicated to the innovation and data analytics needed to advance digital technology and enable integration. Together with industry partners, we are able to leverage the best of our capabilities to deliver critical readiness for defence forces."

The combined expertise of Textron Aviation Defense and CAE will confront training challenges currently impacting air forces worldwide, including pilot shortages, lack of instructor pilots, and increasing aircraft operation and maintenance costs. The benefits of emerging technologies and adaptive instructional approaches target critical issues like cost effectiveness, increased student throughput, student-centric learning, and instructor workload.

"Textron Aviation Defense and CAE share a common heritage and vision to deliver exceptional integrated training systems in support of military pilot production worldwide," said Brett Pierson, President and CEO of Textron Aviation Defense. "The powerful combination of the world-class Beechcraft T-6C Texan II — with its unparalleled track record delivering basic, intermediate and advanced military flight training across a global fleet of more than 1,000 aircraft surpassing five million flight hours — and the deep experience, leading-edge training expertise and human-learning technology of CAE elevate the range of bespoke integrated training solutions we deliver. Together,

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we'll empower training organizations with highly effective, efficient and reliable training capabilities that produce the world's finest military aviators."

CAE and Textron Aviation Defense continue to advance, integrate, and enable training transformation through the analysis, design, execution, and evaluation stages to ensure force readiness for current and future platforms.

A photo is available at CAE's Multimedia Centre.

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At CAE, we equip people in critical roles with the expertise and solutions to create a safer world. As a technology company, we digitalize the physical world, deploying software-based simulation training and critical operations support solutions. Above all else, we empower pilots, cabin crew, airlines, defence and security forces and healthcare practitioners to perform at their best every day and when the stakes are the highest. Around the globe, we're everywhere customers need us to be with more than 13,000 employees in approximately 250 sites and training locations in over 40 countries. CAE represents more than 75 years of industry firsts—the highest-fidelity flight, mission and medical simulators and training programs powered by digital technologies. We embed sustainability in everything we do. Today and tomorrow, we'll make sure our customers are ready for the moments that matter.

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