



RUAG upgrades Aussie Hydraulic Actuator Centre of Excellence



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RUAG Australia has completed a major upgrade to its Hydraulic Actuator Centre of Excellence manufacturing facilities at its Bayswater, Australia, location – enhancing the company’s role in support of the Royal Australian Air Force’s F-35 Joint Strike Fighters.

The upgrade is set to significantly improve productivity, reduce lead times, and boost responsiveness to customer needs. The enhanced facility is now well positioned to process and deliver on larger order volumes, thereby satisfying its aerospace customers’ increasing supply chain demands and sustaining RUAG’s commitment as sole global source supplier for the uplock actuator system for F-35 Joint Strike Fighter program.

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This upgraded Bayswater facility now includes a total of 11 CNC machining centres, with the final investment stage bringing three additional new machines online at the close of 2019.

Improving on productivity, the machining centres are now configured into actuator work cells that focus on the customer value stream for efficient production. This results in enabling RUAG to better integrate with original equipment manufacturer supply chains.



Terry Miles, general manager of RUAG Australia, said, "Delivering capability reliability – a customer priority – has been a key outcome of the manufacturing investment program."

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"We understand the customer's need for quick turnaround, affordability and reliability. This upgrade allows us to streamline our supply chain, meet the rapidly increasing demand to support industry diversification, and deepen our participation in aerospace programs, such as the F-35."

RUAG MRO International is an independent supplier, support provider and integrator of systems and components for civil and military aviation worldwide. It also develops and supports simulation and training systems and solutions for international trained security forces.

Stephan Jezler, senior vice president aviation international, RUAG MRO International, reinforced the comments made by Miles: "Our main customers from the defence industry, both international and domestic, demand continued top delivery performance, a reliable level of high-quality, sustainable processes, cost efficiency, committed resource allocation and exemplary compliance."

Highly specialised in the support of aircraft and helicopters throughout their entire life cycle, the company includes maintenance, repair and overhaul services, upgrades, and the development, manufacture and integration of subsystems and components in their service portfolio.

"Our latest upgrade at Bayswater confirms that RUAG is dedicated to fully satisfying these unique priorities, consistently, and with prompt response times," Jezler added.

In addition, as the OEM of the Dornier 228, a versatile aircraft for special missions as well as passenger and cargo operations, RUAG focuses on customer support solutions, including OEM services.

Moreover, RUAG MRO International is a developer, OEM and system support provider for simulation and training systems technology for live, virtual and constructive (LVC) training. Complex and flexible functions, and a holistic approach, support realistic training scenarios, adapted to mission goals, at individual, team and unit instruction levels.

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