



## **HAL – Infotech JV to offer engineering services to aerospace sector**

**Hyderabad, May 3 2007:** Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and Infotech Enterprises Limited (IEL) have formed a joint venture (JV) company to offer world class engineering design services for the aerospace sector. The JV, an independent business entity, will mainly focus on aero-engines, technical publications and anticipated work from various OEMs under the offset programs. HAL and Infotech Enterprises would be 50:50 partners in this venture.

**Mr B.V.R. Mohan Reddy, Chairman and Managing Director of Infotech Enterprises Limited** said that Infotech and HAL have, over the years, built significant strengths in the aerospace sector. “This JV will open a plethora of opportunities to provide comprehensive engineering services to customers in the aerospace sector. Increasingly customers across the globe are looking for comprehensive solutions from a single vendor. The JV will be in a position to pitch for complete system-level solutions,” Mr Reddy said.

Terming the JV as first of its kind in India, **HAL Chairman Mr Ashok K. Baweja** said a number of future opportunities in design services will be diverted to this JV. “With offset program related work expected to flow into India from 2009, this JV will be in a strong position to pitch for and win a large portion of engineering services work. The JV will work on the lines of comparable services companies, with high responsiveness to customer’s design requirements,” Mr Baweja said.

Under the agreement, Infotech Enterprises and HAL will continue to serve their strategic customers within their respective companies. Infotech’s relationship with

UTC will not form part of this JV and HAL's strategically sensitive military projects will also not form part of this JV. The partner companies would also transfer some of their personnel to the JV.

#### **About HAL**

Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) is a \$1.8 billion premier aerospace company seeking entry into global market while supporting India's defence requirements in a significant way. The Company has identified R&D, co-development and co-production of aircraft, engine and related equipments with global aerospace companies as the thrust areas of investment. Among HAL's star products are the Advanced Light Helicopter (Dhruv) and Intermediate Jet Trainer (HJT-36), while the limited series production of the Light Combat Aircraft (Tejas) has commenced. The future projects include multi-role transport aircraft, medium-range multi-role helicopters, UAVs and development of simulators. Log on to [www.hal-india.com](http://www.hal-india.com) for more details.

#### **About Infotech Enterprises**

Infotech Enterprises Limited (BSE & NSE:INFOTECENT) a \$120 million Global IT services company provides Engineering Design Services and Geographic Information Services to manufacturing, aerospace, transportation, telecom, utilities and government customers worldwide. Infotech currently employs over 5500 professionals across 25 global locations and is certified to SEI CMMi level 5, ISO 9001:2000, AS 9100 and ISO-27001 standards. Visit [www.infotechsw.com](http://www.infotechsw.com) to know more.

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