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KUKA ROBOTS TO PLAY ROLE IN NEXT GENERATION AIRCRAFT DESIGN

KUKA Automation + Robotics will play a major role in a £100 million aviation research and technology programme which aims to develop the next generation of aircraft wing design in Britain.

The UK's leading supplier of industrial robots and automated production systems will share its robotics expertise to help produce innovative technologies that will lead to the rapid automated assembly of components.

The Halesowen-based company will contribute a substantial figure over the next three years to the Next Generation Composite Wing project, which represents one of the most significant aircraft research programmes launched in the UK for several decades.

KUKA Automation + Robotics, part of KUKA AG, Europe's largest robot manufacturer, has extensive experience in the aerospace sector and supplies automated solutions to leading aircraft makers in the UK and overseas. The company will be exhibiting at Farnborough International Air Show in Hall 4, Stand A4, from July 14-20.

"KUKA is looking forward to developing and sharing its expertise in this substantial project, which will not only bring benefits for the aerospace industry, but will further secure and enhance Britain's reputation as a centre of manufacturing excellence," commented Gary Taylor, KUKA's aerospace sales manager and NGCW programme manager.

The project, headed by aircraft manufacturer Airbus, brings together 16 British companies and organisations including KUKA Automation + Robotics. Around half of the programme has been funded privately by industry with the remainder provided by various Government agencies.



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