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SkyDrive Inc.

SkyDrive Secures Strategic Partnership with Precision Manufacturing Leader ITO Corporation for “SKYDRIVE” eVTOL Components

-Strategic Alliance Infuses JAXA-Proven Space Heritage and Rigorous JIS Q 9100 Prevision into Flight-Critical Systems to Secure the Path to 2028 Commercial Launch-

Farnborough, United Kingdom / Toyota City, Japan, 22 July, 2026 - SkyDrive Inc. (“SkyDrive”), a leading compact eVTOL (*1) aircraft manufacturer based in Japan, today announced at the Farnborough International Airshow 2026 a strategic partnership with ITO Corporation (“ITO”), a Japan-based specialist in high-precision automotive and aerospace machining.

The two companies have signed a Sales and Purchase Agreement for the manufacturing and supply of key high-precision machined metal parts for SkyDrive’s production aircraft, the "SKYDRIVE" (Model SD-05).

Through this partnership, ITO will leverage its deep expertise in precision metal machining to manufacture essential "Build-to-Print" products. The scope of supply includes critical structural and mechanical components designed to optimize the performance, weight, and safety of the SD-05.

■ **Key Highlights of the Partnership Include:**

- **Space-Grade Precision Machining:** Driven by its state-of-the-art facilities featuring over 160 advanced machining systems, ITO brings cross-industry precision expertise to manufacture lightweight and exceptionally durable metal components.
- **Aerospace-Grade Quality:** All components will be manufactured under the top-tier aerospace-grade quality standards (JIS Q 9100 / AS9100) at ITO’s certified facility to ensure full compliance with strict airworthiness certification requirements.
- **Strengthening a Resilient Supply Chain:** The integration of Japan’s leading precision engineering from Shizuoka adds highly reliable domestic manufacturing power to SkyDrive's robust global supply network.

■ Ensuring Structural Reliability through World-Class Japanese Precision Engineering

As eVTOL aircraft require extreme safety standards and precise structural assembly, ensuring the highest quality of every single machined metal joint and component is critical.

SkyDrive has selected ITO to manufacture critical machined elements of the “SKYDRIVE” (Model SD-05). Headquartered in Hamamatsu, Shizuoka — a region globally renowned for manufacturing excellence — ITO has been deeply involved in the aerospace and space sectors since 1996. ITO will leverage its advanced machining technologies, expansive production equipment, and specialized aerospace-grade quality management systems to deliver complex, flight-critical metal parts.

■ Comments

Hiroaki Ito, President of ITO Corporation, said:
“We have been privileged to participate in the manufacturing of components since SkyDrive’s aircraft for the Osaka-Kansai Expo. Realizing an eVTOL-based society requires creating completely brand-new concepts from scratch — things that do not exist within our current infrastructure. While our core business has traditionally been focused on polishing and elevating existing technologies, our entire team is now filled with immense excitement to challenge the unknown and co-create what does not yet exist alongside SkyDrive. As a strategic partner dedicated to building the future of flight, we will push forward with all our power alongside them.”

Arnaud Coville, CTO, SkyDrive, said:
“ITO Corporation has supported SkyDrive since our full-scale flying prototype, and I am delighted that we are continuing this relationship through certification into production. ITO Corporation’s ability to manage all aspects of the supply chain, combined with rapid development times, allows us to iterate, test and optimise our design at high speed. Being located close to our assembly line in the local community is a strong communication and logistic advantage.”

About ITO Corporation

Founded in 1963 and headquartered in Hamamatsu City, Shizuoka Prefecture, ITO Corporation is a specialist in cutting and grinding processing with a group-wide workforce of 135 employees. Guided by our company motto, "Seisetsu Tokko" (possessing noble aspirations and acting with deep compassion), we leverage our world-class, ultra-high-precision processing technologies, backed by the prestigious JIS Q 9100 aerospace quality certification. We drive high-mix, low-volume production and prototype development across cutting-edge industries, including aluminum-machined prototype parts for next-generation EVs, as well as components for aerospace, machine tools, industrial robotics, and railway systems.

For more information, please visit: https://itocom.jp/

About SkyDrive Inc.
SkyDrive is a Japanese compact eVTOL company aiming “to take the lead in the once-in-a-century mobility revolution”. The company began testing eVTOL prototypes in 2014 prior to official incorporation in 2018. Under its future vision for urban transportation, flying in eVTOLs will become a regular part of city life. In 2019, SkyDrive became the first company to fly a crewed eVTOL in Japan. In 2025, the company successfully showcased the eVTOL "SKYDRIVE", the company’s first eVTOL product, with demonstration flights at the Osaka Expo witnessed by thousands of visitors over a one-month period. SkyDrive began production of “SKYDRIVE” in March 2024 at a plant owned by Suzuki Motor Corporation, SkyDrive's official production partner. SkyDrive has been working with civil aviation authorities in Japan and the US to obtain certification for “SKYDRIVE”, with the aim of launching the aircraft into service in 2028. SkyDrive is headquartered in Toyota, Aichi Prefecture, and led by CEO Tomohiro Fukuzawa, an engineer and entrepreneur.

For more information, please visit: https://skydrive.co.jp/en/

Editor’s Note:
(*1) “eVTOL” is an abbreviation for electric Vertical Takeoff and Landing. As the name suggests, eVTOL aircraft can take off and land without a runway. eVTOLs are powered by electricity and incorporate advanced, automatic, flight control technology.

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