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## QuEST acquires GKN Aerospace's engineering division

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MUMBAI: Bangalore-based aerospace engineering design firm QuEST has acquired GKN Aerospace Engineering Services.

"This acquisition will enhance our engineering capabilities close to our customers in Europe. We are very pleased to bring rich engineering talent from Britain and Australia as a result of acquiring the GKN asset," QuEST Global Engineering CEO Ajit Prabhu said in a statement.

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QuEST has also entered into a long-term agreement to provide engineering skills and resources to support GKN Aerospace's long-term growth strategy, company sources said.

GKN's customer include AgustaWestland, Airbus, Boeing, BAE Systems, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, Rolls Royce and Sikorsky, among others.

"This is a significant step in our strategic development. In forming this relationship with QuEST, we are playing to our mutual strengths," GKN Aerospace Aerostructures Europe President and CEO Phil Swash said.

However, GKN Aerospace will retain over 200 of its engineers to grow core engineering skills.

QuEST plans to create a powerful engineering specialist operation, able to operate as an effective strategic partner to GKN Aerospace and many other customers worldwide.

It adds 290 skilled engineering personnel to the 2,800 professionals it already has across its 18 global delivery centres.

"QuEST has been supporting GKN for the past several years as a preferred supplier and this move only reinforces our quality of delivery and confidence shown by GKN to our partnership," he said.

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