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Press Release

NRF announces a corporate lab scheme to support universities to establish industry partnerships with key industry leaders

Tuesday, 23 July 2013 – The National Research Foundation, Prime Minister's Office, Singapore, today announces a new scheme to support the establishment of key laboratories by industries in our universities.

2 The Corp Lab @ University programme seeks to attract foreign and local companies to collaborate with Autonomous Universities (AUs) on industry-relevant research for the market.

3 The scheme will enhance the collaborative partnerships between universities and industries and enable researchers, faculties, PHD and post-doctoral students to work alongside companies on programmes that have direct relevance for the industry. This will support the effective translation of laboratory work for the marketplace.

4 Under the scheme, companies will have access to deep research capabilities. Our researchers will direct their efforts towards meeting industry challenges, and be able to do more to translate research into value.

5 NRF is pleased to announce concurrently that the Rolls-Royce@NTU Corporate Lab is the first laboratory to be supported under this scheme. The new laboratory will focus on three areas of experimental research: electrical power and control systems, manufacturing and repair technologies and computational engineering. The industry research laboratory will be located within the Nanyang Technological University. Rolls-Royce will help co-fund the laboratory and provide academic and industry mentorship to NTU researchers participating in the programme.

6 Said Prof Low Teck Seng, Chief Executive Officer of the National Research Foundation, Prime Minister's Office, Singapore: "NRF welcomes the close collaboration between Rolls-Royce and NTU, which will strengthen the partnerships between universities and industry. This collaboration demonstrates the relevance of the work that the universities are doing and is another clear indication of Rolls-Royce's commitment to deepen and grow its deep technical capability in Singapore, in partnership with our universities."

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The National Research Foundation (NRF)

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