

SkyDrive Partners with SASMOS for EWIS Design and Manufacturing for SKYDRIVE SD-05 Production Aircraft

Bangalore, India & TOYOTA, Japan, January 23rd, 2026 - SkyDrive Inc. ("SkyDrive"), a leading eVTOL (*1) aircraft manufacturer based in Japan, announced today that it has entered into a development agreement with SASMOS HET Technologies Ltd. ("SASMOS"), an Indian aerospace and defence engineering and manufacturing company, for the design of the Electrical Wiring Interconnection System (EWIS) for its eVTOL, the "SKYDRIVE" (SkyDrive Model SD-05).

Under this agreement, SASMOS will deliver a comprehensive EWIS solution including system design, prototyping, certification support, and serial production readiness.

The agreement enables SkyDrive to advance the "SKYDRIVE" program by reinforcing aircraft reliability and manufacturability, while laying the groundwork for scalable production as the company moves toward commercialization.



At the signing ceremony. Center left: H. G. Chandrashekar, Chairman and Managing Director, SASMOS Group; Center right: Tomohiro Fukuzawa, Founder and CEO, SkyDrive.

SASMOS designs and manufactures EWIS for aircraft and has a proven track record of participation in aircraft programs serving major global OEMs and Tier 1 suppliers, including The Boeing Company, Airbus SE, and Honeywell International Inc..

SkyDrive's mission is to "lead the once-in-a-century mobility revolution" by developing eVTOLs which seamlessly integrate the skies into daily transportation. Following successful demonstration flights at the Expo 2025 in Osaka(*2), the company is now focused on its next major milestone: achieving full-scale commercialization by 2028.

As eVTOL aircraft adopt high-voltage electric propulsion systems and increasingly complex architectures, wiring systems are required to meet stringent requirements for safety, reliability, weight optimization, and manufacturability.

Through this partnership, SkyDrive aims to enhance aircraft reliability, manufacturability, and readiness for future mass production.

Tomohiro Fukuzawa, CEO of SkyDrive, commented: "We are pleased to begin this collaboration with SASMOS, a partner with strong experience in aerospace wiring systems. For eVTOL aircraft, where electrification is central to both performance and safety, the design and execution of wiring systems are fundamental to building aircraft that can be produced reliably and at scale. By working closely with SASMOS, we intend to reinforce the maturity of our production aircraft and advance toward stable, high-quality manufacturing as we prepare for commercialization."

HG Chandrashekar, Chairman & Managing Director, SASMOS said: "We are honoured to partner with SkyDrive on this groundbreaking eVTOL programme. This collaboration embodies the shared vision of India and Japan to advance sustainable technologies and demonstrates SASMOS' capability to deliver globally certified aerospace systems of the highest reliability and quality."

About SkyDrive Inc.

SkyDrive is a Japanese 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://en.skydrive2020.com/>

About SASMOS HET Technologies Ltd.

Headquartered in Bangalore, India, SASMOS is a leading provider of engineering and manufacturing solutions for the aerospace, defence, and transportation sectors. With capabilities spanning EWIS design, system integration, and precision manufacturing, SASMOS serves major global OEMs and Tier-1 suppliers with a strong focus on quality, innovation, and customer partnership.

For more information, please visit: <https://sasmos.com/>

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.

(*2) Related press release : <https://en.skydrive2020.com/archives/16292>

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