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INCOSE UK supports the Defence Growth Partnership (DGP)

INCOSE is delighted that the Prime Minister, The Rt Hon David Cameron MP, has announced the creation of a trailblazer apprenticeship in Systems Engineering. As the global professional body for systems engineers, INCOSE has been involved in improving the delivery of major programmes across defence, aerospace, infrastructure and transport.

Good systems engineering is critical to delivering effective military capability, on time and to budget. Systems engineers make sure we build the right systems, and make sure that the systems work effectively.

Alan Harding, president of INCOSE UK and president elect of INCOSE international welcomed the announcement. "This is a significant investment in UK defence systems engineering, which will have a major impact over the coming decades. We are particularly pleased that these trailblazer apprenticeships will cover both academic and practical elements. We expect these apprenticeships will make a significant contribution to advancing professional systems engineering across the UK."

Professor Patrick Godfrey, Director of the Systems Centre at Bristol University, also welcomed the announcement. "Systems engineering is critical to the effectiveness of our defence equipment and armed forces. Increasing the number, and skills, of defence systems engineers is critical to building a strong and effective defence sector."

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Notes to Editors

INCOSE UK

The UK Chapter of the International Council on Systems Engineering (INCOSE), with over 800 individual and 35 corporate members, exists primarily to serve UK-specific needs and is a key chapter within INCOSE. It has strong links with other UK institutions and it plays a prominent role in both the domestic and the international scenes. It holds one or two conferences each year, has active regional, working and special interest groups and publishes a variety of guides and other products tailored for UK members. Despite its focus on UK-specific needs, the UK Chapter attracts members from territories around the globe.

The 'flavour' of systems engineering most prevalent in the UK has developed into an open and inclusive practice that facilitates the application of systems thinking and systems engineering principles in domains outside of the traditional domains of defence and aerospace. In recent years the membership of INCOSE UK has widened significantly from its roots, expanding to include domains such as transportation - particularly rail - energy, civil engineering, space, medicine, and security. For more information, visit www.incoseonline.org.uk.