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Vertical Aerospace Welcomes UK CAA's eVTOL Delivery Model, Paving Way for UK Electric Aircraft Operations by 2028

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- UK Civil Aviation Authority sets out a regulatory framework to facilitate commercial eVTOL flights in the UK by the end of 2028, in line with Vertical's certification target
- The document sets out a regulatory framework which maintains "the UK's global reputation for safety and oversight, while supporting innovation and new technologies."
- Model reaffirms SC-VTOL - the highest safety standards for eVTOL globally - continuing close alignment with the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) on certification

LONDON & NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Vertical Aerospace (Vertical) [NYSE: EVTL], a global aerospace and technology company that is pioneering electric aviation, today welcomed the UK Civil Aviation Authority's (CAA) publication of its **eVTOL Delivery Model**, which sets out a regulatory roadmap for the commercial operation of electric vertical take-off and landing (eVTOL) aircraft in the UK from 2028.

The Delivery Model provides UK industry with a clear pathway and timeline to commercial eVTOL operations, reaffirming SC-VTOL as the certification basis, the highest safety standards for eVTOLs globally and aligned to EASA's standards, and sets out a comprehensive framework covering training, aerodromes, and the rulemaking roadmap.

Notably, the UK CAA confirms that day and night visual and instrument flight rule (VFR /IFR) operations will be permitted from day one, provided aircraft and pilots are qualified - supporting reliable operations across diverse weather conditions and enabling one of the most scalable eVTOL ecosystems globally. It also commits to working

with the industry to enable the deployment of hybrid propulsion systems, like the one being **developed by Vertical**.

The model ensures that rulemaking activities are aligned with the UK Government's own stated objective of seeing commercial eVTOL flight in the UK from 2028, enabling companies like Vertical to launch safe, certified services in parallel with commercial readiness.

Trevor Woods, Director of Regulatory Affairs at Vertical Aerospace, said:

"We welcome the CAA's eVTOL Delivery Model. It gives UK industry a clear pathway and timeline to initial commercial operations, reaffirms SC-VTOL as the certification basis, and confirms the framework will be in place to allow pilots and aircraft to fly Day/Night VFR and IFR from day one. That clarity on training, aerodromes and the rulemaking roadmap is exactly what's needed to turn demonstrations into safe, scalable services from 2028."

Vertical is already deeply engaged with the UK CAA, participating in all the regulator's eVTOL working groups to help shape rulemaking across certification, operations, training, and infrastructure. Vertical also continues to work closely with the regulator, Government and UK industry via the Future Flight Industry Group, which is driving the country's ambitious plans for Advanced Air Mobility.

Stuart Simpson, CEO of Vertical Aerospace, said:

"This framework underscores the UK's leadership in advanced air mobility, with the CAA laying the foundations for a safe, scalable and globally competitive ecosystem. With both Heathrow and Gatwick receiving the green light for expansion, and Skyports advancing plans for a UK vertiport network, the road is being set for the UK to become a true leader in this industry. Vertical is proud to be working hand-in-hand with the regulator as we progress towards certification of our VX4 aircraft in 2028."

About Vertical Aerospace

Vertical Aerospace is a global aerospace and technology company pioneering electric aviation. Vertical is creating a safer, cleaner, and quieter way to travel. Its VX4 is a piloted, four-passenger, Electric Vertical Take-Off and Landing (eVTOL) aircraft, with zero operating emissions. Vertical is also developing a hybrid-electric variant, offering increased range and mission flexibility to meet the evolving needs of the advanced air mobility market.

Vertical combines partnerships with leading aerospace companies, including GKN, Honeywell, and Aciturri, with its own proprietary battery and propeller technology to develop the world's most advanced and safest eVTOL.

Vertical has c.1,500 pre-orders of the VX4, with customers across four continents, including American Airlines, Japan

Airlines, GOL, and Bristow. Certain customer obligations are expected to be fulfilled via third-party agreements. Headquartered in Bristol, UK, Vertical's experienced leadership team comes from top-tier aerospace and automotive companies such as Rolls-Royce, Airbus, GM, and Leonardo. Together, they have previously certified and supported over 30 different civil and military aircraft and propulsion systems.

Forward-Looking Statements

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