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Curtiss-Wright Congratulates Korea Aerospace Industries on the Successful First Flight of the KF-21 Supersonic Fighter Jet

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**ASHBURN, Va. – July 27, 2022 –** Curtiss-Wright's <u>Defense Solutions division</u>, a leading supplier of flight test instrumentation solutions engineered to succeed, today congratulated Korea Aerospace Industries (KAI) on the first flight of South Korea's supersonic fighter jet, the KF-21 "Boramae." The successful flight was the first of approximately 2,000 test flights that KAI has scheduled prior to commencing production of the 4.5<sup>th</sup> generation fighter jet, which is anticipated to begin in June 2026. Developed domestically, with additional support by Indonesia, the KF-21 will provide South Korea with a cost-effective alternative to the U.S. F-35, as it replaces its older fleet of F-4 and F-5 fighter jets. Curtiss-Wright provided the distributed flight test instrumentation (FTI) system used to capture the flight data during the inaugural test flight.

"Curtiss-Wright congratulates Korea Aerospace Industries on the successful first flight of the domestically-developed KF-21 supersonic fighter jet," said Chris Wiltsey, Senior Vice President and General Manager, Curtiss-Wright Defense Solutions. "We are very proud to support KAI's development of this important aircraft with our data acquisition and flight test instrumentation solutions."

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