

NEWS RELEASE

Archer Announces Plans for UK Engineering Hub, Hires Veteran British eVTOL Engineering Leader

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- Last week, Anduril UK, Archer, and GKN Aerospace convened to announce a teaming agreement in support of the work Anduril is doing with the British Army and Ministry of Defence.
- The collaboration is initially focused on the British Army's Project NYX and the Ministry of Defence's Land Autonomous Collaborative Platform programme, but will also explore future opportunities at GKN Aerospace's Isle of Wight airframe production facility.
- To support its work with Anduril in the UK and beyond, Archer is launching a new engineering hub in South West England under its UK subsidiary, Archer Aviation UK Limited.
- Archer also announced today that it has hired one of the top British eVTOL engineering leaders, Dr. Limhi Somerville, who will be joining its team in early 2026.

LONDON--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Archer Aviation (NYSE: ACHR) today announced plans for a new UK engineering hub in South West England, a region with a long history in aerospace and defence. The company, through its newly established UK subsidiary, intends to build and grow a team in the country to support its work in the region.

Last week's announcement from Anduril UK and GKN Aerospace highlighted the companies' joint work in support of the British Army's Project NYX and the Ministry of Defence's Land Autonomous Collaborative Platform programme, but will also involve exploration of other opportunities at GKN Aerospace's Isle of Wight airframe production facility. GKN Aerospace, a world leading, UK based aerospace manufacturing supplier, will be working alongside Archer and Anduril, with Archer contributing its latest advancements in eVTOL aircraft development and hybrid propulsion to meet the British Army's operational requirements.

Today, Archer announced that one of the top British eVTOL engineering leaders, Dr. Limhi Somerville, will be joining Archer in early 2026. Somerville joins Archer from Vertical Aerospace, where he spent the last six years and most

recently led the company's engineering program. Prior to joining Vertical Aerospace, Somerville held engineering and research roles at Jaguar Land Rover and the University of Warwick.

Dr. Limhi Somerville said, "Archer is pairing realistic innovation with the capital, manufacturing capabilities, and strategic partnerships required to actually deliver next-generation aerospace and defence technologies at scale. The opportunity to support the development of their dual-use vertical lift platform is compelling. I'm excited to get to work."

"The UK has the talent and industrial base to be a major player in driving the next era of advanced aerospace and defence. Archer's plans to open a UK engineering hub underscores our commitment to being an integral part of the next-generation of aerospace and defence in the country," said Adam Goldstein, Archer's founder and CEO.

"Bringing a leader of Limhi's caliber onto the team is critical as we look to continue to accelerate the development of our hybrid-propulsion, dual-use aircraft."

This expansion builds on recent remarks by the UK's Minister for Defence Procurement and Industry highlighting the defence sector's role in driving long-term economic growth. Working alongside Anduril UK and GKN, Archer plans to invest in local engineering talent, creating high-skill roles aligned with the UK's defence priorities.

About Archer

Archer is designing and developing the key enabling technologies and aircraft necessary to power the future of aviation. To learn more, visit www.archer.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements regarding Archer Aviation's future business plans, expectations, and opportunities. These statements include those regarding its design and target specifications of its aircraft, the pace of design, development, certification, testing, manufacturing and commercialization of its planned eVTOL aircraft, or its ability to do so at all; plans relating to operations in the United Kingdom, including building a new engineering hub; whether the projected defence program will materialize and whether the parties will be selected; and plans and anticipated benefits of collaborations with third parties. In addition, this press release refers to agreements that remain conditional, subject to the future execution of definitive agreements and the satisfaction of certain conditions. Such agreements may not be completed or may contain different terms than those currently contemplated. These forward-looking statements are only predictions and may differ materially from actual results due to a variety of factors. The risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ from the results predicted are more fully detailed in Archer's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including its most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, available at www.sec.gov. In addition, please note that any

forward-looking statements contained herein are based on assumptions that Archer believes to be reasonable as of the date of this press release. Archer undertakes no obligation to update these statements as a result of new information or future events.

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