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## **Drone operator UAVAid to launch first UAS flight from Cornwall Airport Newquay**

Aerospace Cornwall announced today it has partnered with Drone operator UAVAid to launch the first UAS flight from Cornwall Airport Newquay at a capability event in May 2019.

UAVAid will showcase its humanitarian *Hansard* drone platform at the event, the first UAS flight from Cornwall Airport Newquay. This UK developed drone is designed to fundamentally improve the way aid agencies can respond to large scale disasters and boost healthcare and economic development in the developing world. Each drone is capable of long range cargo delivery, live streaming aerial video and large area mapping, in low infrastructure contexts. This unique multi-role configuration allows it to perform a much wider range of tasks than traditional drones and at a cost affordable across the developing world.

UAVAid has been working with Aerospace Cornwall to assess the feasibility of moving its testing and manufacturing facilities to Cornwall. The UAS capability event will provide an opportunity for investors and industry to witness the *Hansard* as the first UAV to take off from Cornwall Airport Newquay. Cornwall provides an unrivalled environment for UAS testing over land and sea.

**UAVAid co-founder, Daniel Ronen**, said “We are delighted to be launch partner for the UAS capability event at Cornwall Airport Newquay. As the UK’s leading developer of specialist multi-role drones for Humanitarian and International Development applications, the availability of such a facility in Cornwall will allow us to test, develop and showcase our next generation drone technology, in this country. This is of significant importance to us as we are committed to developing a thriving civil UAS industry in the UK, creating UK exports and high skill jobs, and ensuring that the UK helps shape the responsible development and use of UAV technology to best serve those most in need.”

**Al Titterington, Managing Director of Cornwall Airport Newquay**, said: “This is an exciting development and we look forward to working with UAVAid at the Airport to support their activities and enhance our own operating capabilities”.

For more information about UAVAid Ltd, its work and the *Hansard* drone platform, contact Daniel Ronen at [daniel@uavaid.com](mailto:daniel@uavaid.com)

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**Notes to editors**

**UAVAid Ltd**

UAVAid are a UK based developer and operator of Unmanned Aerial Systems or ‘drones’. They specialise in multi-role systems optimised for humanitarian and development

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applications in post disaster, impoverished and remote contexts and settings, with a view to supporting those communities most in need, globally. By using combinations of low cost, high capability and multi role configurations, UAVAid is at the forefront of this specialist technology, helping to shape its responsible use on a global scale.

## **Aerospace Cornwall**

The Aerospace Cornwall programme is led by Cornwall Development Company, and delivered in partnership with the West of England Aerospace Forum (WEAF).

It aims to increase the size and capability of the local aerospace and space clusters and secure ongoing investment in them.

Specifically our objectives are to:

- Develop an 'innovation environment' for the aerospace and space sectors by incentivising local businesses to collaborate and engage with research institutions and take advantage of national programmes to accelerate their innovation(s).
- Increase the performance and competitiveness of local enterprises, create highly skilled jobs and launch new products into the marketplace.
- Secure investment from global collaborators and investors as potential end users of the products, services and technology developed.

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