



Heart Aerospace appoints new General Counsel and Sustainability Lead

Heart Aerospace is pleased to announce that Sofia Graflund will join the Heart team as General Counsel and Sustainability Lead. Sofia starts on March 1.

“It’s an amazing opportunity to get the chance to be part of the journey Heart is undertaking - to redefine the aviation industry in a profound and sustainable way”, says Sofia Graflund.

Sofia will be part of the executive management team, where she will be responsible for building the Legal & Compliance Team. In addition to legal matters, she will work on project financing, investments and partnerships. As sustainability lead, Sofia will also be driving and implementing Heart's sustainability strategy. Before joining Heart Aerospace, Sofia was General Counsel at Northvolt, where she was responsible for establishing the Legal & Compliance department, driving project financing and being part of the management team. Prior to joining Northvolt, Sofia worked at several legal entities such as Vinge and Swedfund International.

“I couldn’t be more excited to welcome Sofia to our team. She played a key role in the team at Northvolt that wrote the playbook on green project financing. As Heart Aerospace is scaling from a small start-up to a mature aerospace company, I can’t imagine a person more fit to take on this challenge than Sofia,” says Anders Forslund, CEO of Heart Aerospace.

About Heart Aerospace

Heart Aerospace is an electric airplane company based in Gothenburg, Sweden. Founded in Gothenburg, Sweden, in 2018, the company is a spin-off from the Elise research program funded by the Swedish Government through the Swedish Innovation Agency Vinnova. Heart participated in the Y combinator startup accelerator in 2019 and closed its seed round in 2019 with lead investments from EQT Ventures and Norrsken Foundation. In 2021, United Airlines and Mesa Airlines made a purchase order for 200 ES-19 aircraft with an option for an additional 100 aircraft. The airlines also made large investments in the company, and in conjunction with the order, Heart Aerospace announced the closing of its Series A round, led by Breakthrough Energy Ventures. Heart Aerospace is one of the founding members of the Nordic Network for Electric Aviation, together with airlines, airport operators and other stakeholders across the Nordic countries. In 2020, Heart was awarded a €2.5M grant from the European Investment Council as part of the European Green Deal. More information about Heart Aerospace can be found at www.heartaerospace.com