

Aerospace

DAHER announce new investments in industrial plant for the production of aerostructures at their Tarbes site

Paris, June 7th 2010 – DAHER, the European equipment and services supplier, today announced the deployment of new industrial facilities at their Tarbes plant. These investments, undertaken with aid of local, regional and European subsidies, support future plans for the aerospace sector, as defined by the Group's strategic plan *Ambition 2012* to propose a global offer linking manufacturing and service activities in each market segment (civil and military aircraft, regional aircraft, business aircraft and helicopters).

These investments follow on from those already made in Marignane (MarLog platform) and Nantes (launch of a plant devoted to composite activities) and help reinforce the aerostructure manufacturing arm of DAHER-SOCATA (the Group's aerospace division).

The Tarbes facilities are devoted to the manufacture of composite and metal parts.

- For composite parts, DAHER-SOCATA is setting up a draping shop equipped with a fibre placement robot. Another building has been constructed to accommodate a 5-axis trimmer/router for processing new generation composites.
- For metal parts, DAHER-SOCATA is implementing a new paint line and is equipping with a trimmer/router and a fluid cell press.

These cutting edge facilities enable DAHER to strengthen technological specialisations and to anticipate changes in the market whilst improving the plant's competitiveness. They also contribute to sustainability of manufacturing and engineering activities at the Tarbes site and therefore to maintaining employment in composite aerostructures in the Midi-Pyrenees region.

With the capacity that these new investments represent, DAHER-SOCATA has already signed contracts with Airbus, Eurocopter and Embraer which will be engineered and manufactured at the Tarbes site.

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DAHER is a European integrated equipment and services supplier.

DAHER specialises in the aerospace, nuclear, defence and industry sectors, concentrating on three core activities: manufacturing, services and transport, which it builds into a global offer.

Founded in 1863, DAHER is an independent, international group with sites in 12 countries. DAHER has tripled in size over six years to reach an annual turnover of 740 million Euros in 2009.

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