

Press release

**Creation of DAHER Development and Innovation Centre
(CDID) in the western Centre region of France**

Signing of heads of agreement 11.30am on Friday 18 March at Montrichard Town Hall

Paris, 15 March 2011: The DAHER Group, European supplier of integrated "Manufacturing and Services" solutions, together with the *Cher à la Loire* district community, the semi-public company *Territoires et Développement* and the Loir-et-Cher Departmental Council, have announced plans for a DAHER Development and Innovation Centre for the western Centre region (CDID Centre-Ouest), to be located in the town of Montrichard.

Dedicated to technological innovation in metal and composites manufacture, the CDID will have Research and Development (R&D) capabilities as well as an engineering design department. It will contribute, alongside the Group's other technological fields of expertise, to strengthening DAHER's innovative capacity in the high technology sectors of Aerospace, Nuclear and Defence.

The CDID Centre-Ouest fits perfectly with other initiatives involving the Group in the Centre and Pays de la Loire regions, particularly the EMC2 cluster (complex composite and metal assemblies), the Jules Verne Technological Research Institute (IRT) project presented by EMC2 as part of France's Investment Programme for the Future, and the research and higher education chair launched jointly in 2010 by DAHER and engineering schools Ecole des Mines (Nantes) and Mines Paris Tech.

This centre will help to reinforce the local economy, both within the *Cher à la Loire* district community and, more broadly, in the Loir-et-Cher department.

On Friday 18 March at Montrichard Town Hall, François Lépinoy, DAHER Executive Vice President and President of the DAHER-SOCATA division, and Claude Beaufils, President of "*Territoires et Développement*" will sign a heads of agreement on the building of a 2,000m² platform for the CDID at Montrichard. The signing will take place in the presence of Maurice Leroy, Towns minister and President of the Loir-et-Cher Departmental Council, Jean-François Marinier, President of the *Cher à la Loire* district community, Jean-Marie Janssens, Vice President of the Departmental Council and Councillor of Montrichard and Patrick Maupu, Mayor of Montrichard.

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DAHER is a European integrated equipment and services supplier.

An independent intermediate-size company, DAHER deploys its "Manufacturing & Services" model across the Aerospace, Nuclear, Defence and Industry sectors and is developing in its three fields of expertise (manufacturing, services and transport), which it builds into a global offer.

With a robust engineering-based approach, DAHER is able to deliver innovative and differentiating solutions to its industrial customers.

Founded in 1863, DAHER is an international group employing some 6,700 men and women in 14 countries across the world. DAHER has tripled in size over a six-year period and, as at 31/12/2010, its order book stood at around three years' of turnover (over 2.1 billion euros).

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