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## Aerospace

### *DAHER to reinforce its aircraft manufacturing business*

**As part of studies aiming at a development of its aircraft range, the European aircraft and equipment manufacturer has signed an exclusive agreement to allow its DAHER-SOCATA division to carry out an evaluation of a 100% composite twin engine business aircraft programme, based on the SPn platform.**

Paris, 2010 – DAHER-SOCATA, DAHER group's aeronautics division, regularly conducts studies with a view to developing of its range of aircraft. Within the framework of current projects, DAHER-SOCATA has signed an exclusive agreement under which it will be evaluating, over a period of several months, the performance and technical characteristics of a twin-engine prototype aircraft built entirely using composites.

This project is part of the continuous optimisation initiative launched by the European aircraft and equipment supplier. Since the integration of SOCATA in 2009, aircraft manufacturing has become one of DAHER's strategic activities, underpinned by over a century of know-how, illustrated today by the TBM 850. This business aircraft is internationally renowned for its reliability and high availability rate. World's fastest single-turbine engine aircraft, it is already proving to be a great success, with almost 600 aircrafts sold to date worldwide. A multi-mission version was launched at the end of summer 2010 for use in ISR type missions (Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance) (refer to press release dated 30 August 2010).

All the developments carried out by DAHER-SOCATA form a part of DAHER group's differentiation strategy within the Aerospace sector. The evaluation of a new business aircraft programme illustrates the group's commitment to sustaining and developing aircraft construction, one of the division's core areas of expertise, alongside aerostructures, services and technological specialties.

#### **About DAHER - [www.daher.com](http://www.daher.com)**

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 installations in 12 countries. DAHER has tripled in size over six years to reach an annual turnover of over 740 million Euros in 2009.

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