

DAHER signs new contract with EUROCOPTER to design and produce a new generation airframe for light helicopters

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DAHER, the European integrated equipment and services supplier, has cemented its position as one of EUROCOPTER's leading partners: The world's number one helicopter manufacturer has just awarded DAHER the contract to develop and produce a new generation of airframes for its range of light helicopters.

The partnership between DAHER and EUROCOPTER will result in a new airframe that goes even further in the quest for the best compromise between weight and performance.

Production is set to begin in early 2012 at DAHER-SOCATA's plant located in Tarbes.

About DAHER - www.daher.com

DAHER is a European integrated equipment and services supplier.

DAHER specializes in the Aerospace, Nuclear, Defence and Industry sectors and offers "manufacturing and services" solutions combining three areas of expertise (manufacturing, services and transport) built into a global offer. Founded in 1863, DAHER is an independent, international Group. With the arrival of SOCATA in January 2009, DAHER now has some 7,000 employees in 12 different countries: seven sites in Europe, two in North America, two in Africa and one in Australia. DAHER has tripled in size over six years (2003 to 2009).

About EUROCOPTER - www.eurocopter.com

Established in 1992, the Franco-German-Spanish Eurocopter Group is a Division of EADS, a world leader in aerospace, defence and related services. The Eurocopter Group employs approx. 15,600 people. In 2008, Eurocopter confirmed its position as the world's No. 1 helicopter manufacturer in the civil and parapublic market, with a turnover of 4.5 billion Euros, orders for 715 new helicopters, and a 53 percent market share in the civil and parapublic sectors. Overall, the Group's products account for 30 percent of the total world helicopter fleet. Its strong worldwide presence is ensured by its 18 subsidiaries on five continents, along with a dense network of distributors, certified agents and maintenance centres. More than 10,000 Eurocopter helicopters are currently in service with over 2,800 customers in more than 140 countries. Eurocopter offers the largest civil and military helicopter range in the world.

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