
Aerospace sector: DAHER is accelerating its investments.

Following the decision to open up the company's capital to the "Strategic Investment Fund", DAHER is accelerating its investments to consolidate its role as a Tier 1 equipment and services supplier in the aerospace sector. In the 'Pays de la Loire' region, DAHER is based at the EMC² TECHNOCAMPUS and is opening up a new plant in NANTES.

DAHER established itself in the region in 2003 with its first temperature and sound insulation plant located in Saint NAZAIRE. The group then moved from strength to strength by taking over a plant specialising in the manufacture of structural assemblies made of composite materials using the RTM procedure (Resin Transfer Molding), in Saint Hilaire de Chaléons in 2006. At the same time, DAHER has developed many service activities including installation on aircraft.

With the substantial development of both its industrial and service activities, DAHER currently employs 500 people within the region. The group has decided to reinforce its presence in two areas in particular: Research & Technology and the implementation of new composite processes.

Research & Technology Projects at the Technocampus:

Within the context of the EMC2 business cluster, DAHER-SOCATA has based itself at the Technocampus in order to participate in the design and development of the ECOWINGBOX project, which is a major Research & Technology project on composite structural assemblies for business jets and regional aircraft.

The ECOWINGBOX project consists of the design, qualification and manufacturing of the wing box using composite materials at the minimum possible cost (high demand for class 1 structural assemblies). The principal objective of this project is to reduce the mass of the part and its production cost.

Within this context, DAHER-SOCATA is joining forces with the Technocampus in order to develop partnerships with the academic and industrial sectors to bring together all of the finest expertise within each major Research & Technology project.

Innovative processes for the use of composite materials in the new plant in Nantes:

DAHER is building a new plant where innovative procedures for the use of composite materials including thermo-plastic deep-drawing are to be implemented.

With a total of 8 hectares of land, this activity should be operational at the end of the first quarter in 2010 with construction of the first 10,000m² thus creating around one hundred jobs by the end of 2010.

Depending on the group's commercial success in the new aerospace programmes, a second 15,000m² section is planned with major potential for creating jobs.

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DAHER is a European integrated equipment and services supplier.

DAHER specializes in Aerospace, Nuclear, Defence and Industrial sectors and is developing three fields of expertise: manufacturing, services and transport, which enable it to offer a comprehensive package.

Founded in 1863, DAHER is an independent, international Group. With the arrival of SOCATA in January 2009, DAHER has more than 7,000 employees in 12 different countries: 7 in Europe, 2 in North America, 2 in Africa and 1 in Australia. DAHER has tripled in size over five years to reach an annual turnover of 930 million Euros in 2009.