

Aerospace

DAHER-SOCATA, the DAHER group's aerospace division, signs an aerostructures engineering and manufacturing contract for the new Dassault Aviation corporate aircraft program

This contract is the largest aerostructures contract signed by DAHER-SOCATA to date, and underlines how DAHER's business differentiation strategy is putting it on the right track in today's markets.

Paris, 20 June 2011- DAHER, European integrated equipment and services supplier, announces that the DAHER-SOCATA aerospace division is set to be a **key partner in Dassault Aviation's new SMS corporate aircraft program**. Following 10 years of successful cooperation with the aircraft manufacturer on the Falcon 7X program (160 upper aircraft sections designed, manufactured and delivered to date), DAHER-SOCATA has once again been selected by Dassault Aviation for this project.

The contract is for the **design and manufacture of important fuselage components: the forward lower section and upper section of the passenger cabin**, with the emergency exit and the door to the hold located in the upper section.

For this project, many innovative changes are being made to DAHER-SOCATA processes, in particular the implementation of an **automated assembly line**.

The new global sub-contracting partnership with the aircraft manufacturer will also include **DAHER-SOCATA's participation in development stages** (studies, drawings, calculations, and certification and industrialization files). Since the start of the year, 23 DAHER-SOCATA design office engineers have been working at the Dassault Aviation project facility, near Paris.

To date, this contract is the biggest awarded to the DAHER Group's aerospace division, and is a clear sign that the standout business model developed in recent years by the aircraft manufacturer and tier 1 equipment supplier is addressing market expectations.

In particular, DAHER-SOCATA was chosen for this new program thanks to the way it leverages synergies between its role as an aircraft manufacturer and its high added value expertise in terms of aerostructures engineering and manufacture.

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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.

Founded in 1863, DAHER is an international group employing some 7,000 men and women in 14 countries across the world. DAHER has tripled in size in 6 years, and now has an annual turnover of over a billion dollars.

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