

Aerospace

DAHER-SOCATA finalize "logistics plant" project on behalf of Eurocopter with the commissioning of a second platform devoted to final assembly lines in Marignane

With its two platforms consisting of ultra-modern automated warehousing and its optimized part flows, the new 70,000 m2 facility –or "logistics plant"- is reducing logistics costs by over 10% for the world's premier helicopter manufacturer in Marignane.

Marignane, November 24, 2011 - DAHER, the European integrated equipment and services supplier, has announced the commissioning of the automated warehouse located in Treille. This second warehouse marks the completion of the largest aeronautical logistics centre in Europe, with a total capacity of some 180,000 storage spaces and over 5,000 products delivered each day.

The Treille platform is now fully automated using DEMATIC systems that are recognized as among the most innovative available. It is integrated into the historic EUROCOPTER site in Marignane, which extends over a total 24,000 m² and has been reorganized to accommodate industrial logistics activities linked to the final assembly lines. The new automated warehouse has a capacity of 70,000 storage slots devoted to the reception and storage of incoming parts. This is in addition to the 110,000 slot capacity of the first warehouse, which was inaugurated on June 16, 2011 at the DAHER Les Florides site, itself devoted to managing the flow of spare parts. The creation of these two platforms has involved much transfer activity carried out by DAHER without any disruption to EUROCOPTER activity.

At Treille, DAHER handles incoming deliveries, storage, and distribution to internal customers, in particular to the final assembly lines and skills centres. Thanks to the organization set up by DAHER on this second platform, EUROCOPTER is able to reduce its industrial logistics overhead by more than 20% and improve delivery performance. Moreover, the team spirit prevailing between EUROCOPTER and DAHER-SOCATA is reinforcing the longstanding partnership between the two companies, both in logistics activities and in the design and manufacture of aerostructures for helicopters.

This "logistics plant" project illustrates the high value-added of DAHER services to manufacturers, part of the core know-how of the family group. Associated with its aircraft and aerostructure construction business, service activity is an essential component of the offering from DAHER-SOCATA, the Group's aerospace division, where DAHER is once again demonstrating its capacity for innovation.

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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, concentrating on three core activities (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 7,700 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. As at 31/12/2010, its order book stood at around three years of turnover.

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