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**AEROSPACE: DAHER continues its technological advances in the field of composites through its expertise in the RTM procedure and produces Class 1 large scale structural assemblies**

DAHER has been making thermoplastic and thermoset composite structures for a number of years whilst also pursuing the development of its expertise in new installation technologies. Today, the group is strengthening this expertise in composite materials by focussing its research on new injection (RTM - Resin Transfer Moulding) and infusion (LRI - Low Resin Infusion) technologies.

DAHER has developed RTM (Resin Transfer Moulding) technology to produce Class 1 large scale structural assemblies.

Airbus has chosen this technology by contracting DAHER to manufacture box-beams and stiffener for the A380, which, for the first time in the field of aerospace, are being made from composite material using the RTM procedure following this low pressure resin injection system.

Thanks to the RTM procedure, the box-beams and 7m-long stiffeners have strong mechanical characteristics, offering a better "cost – performance" compromise than a metal structure.

These class 1 carbon-formed parts strengthen the structure of the aircraft's wing box. For each aircraft, DAHER manufactures 13 composite structural elements.

This activity plays a role in the continuity of DAHER's strategic positioning in the aerospace sector, which represents more than 40% of the group's turnover, as well as in its desire to consolidate its industrial expertise in the "Nantes - Saint-Nazaire" region.

With a forecast turnover of 530 million euros in 2007, DAHER intends to pursue the development of its industrial facilities and continue its investments in order to support future developments at Airbus and all of its customers in the aerospace sector.

**For further information on DAHER – [www.daher.com](http://www.daher.com)**

DAHER is a European integrated equipment and services supplier, dedicated to Aerospace and other manufacturing industries.

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

Founded in 1863, DAHER is an exclusively family-run, independent international group, with more than 5,000 employees and 12 international installations (4 in Western Europe, 3 in Eastern Europe, 2 in North America, 2 in Africa and 1 in Australia). DAHER has doubled in size over four years to reach an annual turnover of 530 million euros in 2007.