



Daher's operational support contract for TBM very fast turboprop aircraft has a seven-year renewal by the French Ministry for the Armed Forces

Tarbes, France, September 15th, 2021 – Daher today announced that its full operational support contract for TBM 700 very fast turboprop aircraft operated under responsibility of the French Ministry for the Armed Forces will be extended by seven years.

This ministry is a Daher reference customer, using the company's aircraft in liaison and training missions as well as for services covering aircraft and helicopter maintenance and logistics.

The renewed contract involves a fleet that currently consists of 26 TBM aircraft: 23 TBM 700A versions and three TBM 700Bs – all based in mainland France for military air mobility and training missions. Of this total, 15 are for the French Air and Space Force, eight for the country's army, and three for the DGA defense procurement agency's flight test department.

"The French Ministry for the Armed Forces is a demanding client that always has pushed us towards excellence, especially in challenging times," commented **Nicolas Chabbert, the Senior Vice President of Daher's Aircraft Division**. "Recently our teams were mobilized to meet needs of the French armed forces, including the Gendarmerie, in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. We are proud to continue our support in operational conditions with the new contract extension, marking its renewal for the fourth time."

Chabbert noted that French military users benefit from Daher's 25 years of experience in the aircraft, maintenance and logistics sectors. "Over the course of these successive contracts, we have been able to evolve by combining user experience feedback with our aircraft manufacturer expertise, thereby achieving the operational availability objectives requested by our client," he concluded.

Daher's full operational support contract for French military TBM renewed

The 84-month contract renewal is for an expected average activity of 10,900 flight hours annually with the French military's TBM fleet, and covers the following services:

- Technical and logistical support (central technical assistance, on-site technical assistance, obsolescence management, management of technical facts and documentation, etc.);
- Maintenance of airframes, propellers, engines, parts and installed equipment, as well as performing scheduled inspections;
- Supply of spare parts and specific components necessary for support operations carried out by the military operators.

About Daher – www.daher.com

Daher is an aircraft manufacturer and an industry and service equipment supplier. Daher asserts its leadership in three main businesses: aircraft manufacturing, aerospace equipment and systems, logistics and supply chain services; and achieved a turnover of 1.1 billion euros in 2020. With the stability provided by its family ownership, Daher has been committed to innovation since its creation in 1863. Today, present in 13 countries, Daher is a leader in Industry 4.0, designing and developing value-added solutions for its industrial partners.

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About Daher's aircraft product line – www.kodiak.aero / www.tbm.aero

Daher manufactures two families of single-engine turboprop airplanes: the Kodiak utility aircraft in Sandpoint, Idaho, USA, and the very fast pressurized TBM in Tarbes, France.

The Kodiak 100 Series III is an unpressurized 8-10-seat airplane equipped with Garmin's G1000 NXi avionics, capable of operating on uneven and unimproved runways, or on water in the amphibious version. Its unique combination of robust construction and remarkable 3,530 lb. useful load has resulted in many additional applications for the Kodiak, including special missions, medevac, as a skydiving platform and more.

Current TBM models in production are the TBM 910, equipped with Garmin's G1000 Nxi avionics system, controlled by a keypad; and the TBM 940, featuring Garmin's G3000 avionics with touchscreen controller, an autothrottle and the HomeSafe™ emergency autoland system. Both models offer increased automation and superior performance – a maximum cruise speed of 330 kts. – and high efficiency with a 1,730-naut. mi. maximum range and a fuel consumption of 37 U.S. gallons per hour at economy cruise.

As of June 30, 2021, a total of 294 Kodiak and 1,041 TBM aircraft have been delivered to international owners and operators, with the global fleet accumulating some 2.2 million flight hours.

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