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DAHER-SOCATA's centennial TBM 850 makes its U.S. debut at the SUN 'n FUN fly-in

Lakeland, Florida, March 29, 2011 – DAHER-SOCATA is initiating its U.S. activities to celebrate the company's 100 years of aviation excellence with this week's SUN 'n FUN fly-in appearance of the Model Year 2011 TBM 850, which is configured in a unique centennial paint scheme.

The special edition Model Year 2011 TBM 850 very fast turboprop aircraft carries a distinctive "waves of time" livery, designed by Didier Wolff of Happy Design Studios.

This TBM 850, which is serial number 571, symbolically represents the 100 years of continuous aircraft production that traces its roots to DAHER-SOCATA's predecessor company, Aeroplanes Morane-Saulnier – created in 1911. In addition to its custom red and white paint scheme, the centennial TBM 850 has been registered with the N1911Y tail number.

For its 100-year celebrations, DAHER-SOCATA is providing the TBM 850 with an Exclusive Maintenance Program for five years (including five free annual inspections) or 1,000 flight hours with free scheduled maintenance costs. In addition, warranties are extended to five years for avionics, five years for systems and seven years for the airframe.

"SUN 'n FUN marks the opening of our yearly show calendar, and we're using this annual fly-in to inaugurate the U.S. activities for our centennial celebration," said Nicolas Chabbert, the Senior Vice President of DAHER-SOCATA Airplane Division. "We look forward to showing the centennial Model Year 2011 TBM 850 to the general aviation community during the six-day event at Lakeland Linder Regional Airport."

The TBM 850 is the world's fastest single-engine turboprop, with a maximum cruise speed of 320 KTAS at 26,000 ft. (in ISA conditions). As an 850-shp. version of DAHER-SOCATA's proven six-seat TBM 700 turboprop business aircraft, the TBM 850 combines cruise speeds and travel times typical of light jets with the economical direct operating costs of a turboprop, along with excellent range and payload capacity.

Since its 2005 launch, the TBM 850 has become an international success – with more 220 aircraft delivered as of January 1, 2011. The combined TBM 700 and TBM 850 fleet now stands at 545 units worldwide.

About DAHER-SOCATA

DAHER is a European integrated equipment and services supplier. The company specializes in the aerospace, nuclear, defense and industry sectors, concentrating on three core activities: manufacturing, services and transport, which it builds into a global offer.

Founded in 1863, DAHER is an independent, international group with installations in 12 countries. DAHER has tripled in size over six years to reach an annual turnover of 740 million Euros in 2009.

DAHER-SOCATA, DAHER group's aeronautics division, boasts a global and original offering to serve airframe manufacturers and tier-1 equipment manufacturers, with established expertise in four complementary activities presenting a wealth of synergies: aircraft manufacturing, aerostructures, services and technology specialties.

In 2011, DAHER-SOCATA is celebrating the 100th anniversary of continuous aircraft production, marking a legacy that began in 1911 with its predecessor company – Aeroplanes Morane-Saulnier.

For more information, visit www.daher.com and www.tbm850.com

TBM Program Milestones

1988: First flight of the TBM 700 prototype,

1990: Certification and first customer delivery of the TBM 700, world's first civilian pressurized turboprop certified

1991: TBM 700 ordered by the French Air Force for liaison duties, 20 aircraft are purchased

1992: A TBM 700 is selected as the shuttle for the International Olympics Committee at the Courchevel Mountain airport during Winter Olympics Games

1993: "Around the world in less than 80 hours" by a TBM 700 – With the crew of Jacques Lemaigre du Breuil, Nicolas Gorodiche and Olivier Waisblat

1994: Lindbergh Trophy, New York – Paris direct flight in a TBM 700 in 10 hr 54 min 41 seconds pilot: J. Lemaigre du Breuil

- French Army Aviation (ALAT) orders 5 TBM 700

- TBM 700 is the first single-engine turboprop approved for Public Transport in Canada

1997: Launch of the TBM 700B, with large door and optional pilot door

1999: TBM 700B Freighter version go-ahead; ALAT (French Army Aviation) orders 3 TBM 700Bs

2000: First civilian fleet order from Jetfly, fractional ownership operator

2001: Quest Diagnostics orders a fleet of 6 TBM 700B Freighter for medical sample transport

2003: TBM 700C2 increased maximum takeoff weight version introduced

2005: TBM 850 Launch announcement,

2006: First deliveries of the TBM 850

2007: Garmin selected to design an integrated all-glass flight deck for the TBM 850

2008: Introduction of the TBM 850 with the G1000 integrated all-glass flight deck

2009: Synthetic Vision Technology (SVT) certified on G1000-equipped TBM 850

The TBM 850 in figures

Powerplant	PWC PT6A-66D turboprop	
Thermodynamic power	1825 eshp	
Nominal power:	850 shp	
Usable fuel capacity:	291 US Gal	1,100 liters
Dimensions		
Overall length	34.92 ft	10.645 m
Wingspan	41.6 ft	12.680 m
Loading		
Basic empty weight	4,589 lbs	2 081 kg
Maximum Takeoff weight	7,394 lbs	3 353 kg
Basic maximum payload	1,443 lbs	659 kg
Maximum payload with max. fuel	900 lbs	407 kg
Maximum luggage in storage areas	331 lbs	150 kg
Performance (ISA conditions, MTOW, No wind,)		
Maximum Cruising Speed	252 KTAS	467 Km/h
At long-range settings		
Maximum cruise speed	320 KTAS	593 km/h
At 26,000 ft		
Time to climb to 26,000 ft	15 min	
Time to climb to	20 min	
Certified ceiling	31,000 ft	9 449 m
Distances (ISA conditions, MTOW, No wind, 50 ft obstacle clearance)		
Takeoff		866 m
Landing		741 m
Maximum range (ISA conditions, MTOW, No wind, 45 min fuel reserve)		
At long-range settings		
With maximum fuel	1,585Nm	2,935 km
At maximum cruise speed		
With maximum fuel	1,410 Nm	2,611 km
Price (for 2011 delivery)		
Standard equipped aircraft:	3,130,967.00 USD	
Average equipped aircraft	3,293,827.00 USD	