

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **DAHER-SOCATA names Patrice Charmey as the TBM Director of Sales for Asia and the CIS**

**Tarbes, France, September 26, 2011:** DAHER-SOCATA today announced the appointment of Patrice Charmey as its Airplane Division's Director of Sales for TBM aircraft in Asia and the Commonwealth of Independent States.

Charmey has a 25-year background in the information technology sector, having been assigned sales and account manager positions with companies that include Hewlett-Packard.

As a passionate private pilot, he moved to the aviation industry in 2009, and worked as a director of sales with RUAG Aviation – a leading niche supplier for the maintenance of civil and military aircraft in Switzerland.

“Patrice joins our team at a time when opportunities for our TBM very fast turboprop aircraft are growing in emerging markets,” said Nicolas Chabbert, the Senior Vice President of DAHER-SOCATA's Airplane Division. “His experience in direct sales contacts and the development of international networks within highly competitive markets will be a valuable asset for us.”

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). An 850-shp. version of DAHER-SOCATA's proven six-seat TBM 700 turboprop business aircraft, the TBM 850 combines the cruise speed and travel times typical of light jets with economical direct operating costs, while offering the range and excellent payload capacity of turboprop aircraft.

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DAHER is a European integrated equipment and services supplier. Independent medium-size company DAHER develops its “industry & services” model 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 international with 6,700 men and women in 14 countries over the world. DAHER has tripled in size over six years and now exceeds one billion-dollar annual turnover.

DAHER-SOCATA, DAHER group's aerospace activities, 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 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of continuous aircraft production, marking a legacy that began in 1911 with its predecessor company – Aeroplanes Morane-Saulnier.

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