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## **DAHER-SOCATA appoints Rheinland Air Service as its distributor for Germany and Austria**

- The established German-based company will market and support DAHER-SOCATA's TBM 850 very fast turboprop aircraft in Austria and Germany
- RAS orders two Model Year 2010 TBM 850s for delivery later this year

**Friedrichshafen, Germany, April 8, 2010** – DAHER-SOCATA has appointed Rheinland Air Service (RAS), headquartered at Düsseldorf-Mönchengladbach Airport, as the distributor, service center and parts supplier for its TBM range of aircraft in Germany and Austria. This announcement was made at the 2010 AERO International Aviation Trade Show, which opens today in Friedrichshafen, Germany.

In addition to the distributor contract RAS, has ordered two Model Year 2010 TBM 850s, which will be delivered later this year. One will be utilized as a demonstrator for RAS and is to be based at Düsseldorf-Mönchengladbach Airport, while the other will be available for sale.

RAS is an established maintenance center for regional airliners in Germany, and has extended its expertise to business and general aviation services – including spare parts distribution, avionics repair and aircraft sales. Additionally, RAS has FBO (fixed-based operator) operations at Düsseldorf-Weeze and Düsseldorf-Mönchengladbach airports, delivering avgas and jet fuel. More recently, RAS expanded into operating the Business Aviation Terminal at Munich Executive Airport (formerly Oberpfaffenhofen).

“DAHER-SOCATA is pleased to welcome RAS into our network, as this is a company that has clearly demonstrated its capabilities in the German market – which strategically is the most important for European general aviation,” said Nicolas Chabbert, Senior Vice President of the DAHER-SOCATA Airplane Division.

“We thank DAHER-SOCATA for its trust in our organization to market the

TBM 850 in Germany and Austria,” added RAS CEO Johannes Graf von Schaesberg. “The 2010 AERO International event is an excellent opportunity to start our partnership for the sales and support of new TBM 850s.”

The AERO International Aviation Trade Show is one of Europe’s primary general aviation trade events, with the participation of 570 exhibitors from 30 countries. This gathering, being held April 8-11, is strengthened by a partnership with the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), organizer of AirVenture Oshkosh – the world’s largest air show held annually in the U.S.

DAHER-SOCATA’s presence at AERO International is highlighted by the display of a 2010 TBM 850 aircraft, which has the optional Synthetic Vision Technology (SVT) for the Garmin G1000 all-glass integrated flight deck.

Since its launch in 2005, the TBM 850 has become an international success – with 216 aircraft ordered, and over 190 delivered to customers around the globe. The aircraft is available via DAHER-SOCATA’s existing direct sales and distribution network, and is supported by its extensive worldwide network of service centers.

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 SOCATA’s proven six-seat TBM 700 turboprop business aircraft, the TBM 850 combines the cruising speed and travel times typical of light jets with economical direct operating costs, low environmental signature, range and excellent payload capacity of turboprop aircraft.

### **About DAHER-SOCATA**

DAHER is a European integrated equipment and services supplier.

In addition to aerospace, DAHER specializes in three other sectors: nuclear, defense and industries. DAHER is developing in three fields of expertise: manufacturing, services and transport, which enable it to offer a comprehensive package.

DAHER-SOCATA is one of the world’s leading general aviation manufacturers, with more than 17,000 aircraft built since its creation as Morane-Saulnier in 1911. Current products include the TBM 850 high-speed turboprop aircraft, aerostructures for Airbus civil airliners, the A400M military transporter, Dassault Falcon jets, Eurocopter helicopters and Embraer regional jets.

DAHER-SOCATA is expanding its customer service activities to support its growing fleet of TBMs and offer its light aviation expertise for aircraft below 19,000 lbs (8.6 metric tons) through avionics modernization, maintenance, repair and overall package offers.

Founded in 1863, DAHER is an exclusively family-run, independent international group, with more than 7,000 employees and 12 international installations (four in Western Europe, three in Eastern Europe, two in North America, two in Africa and one in Australia).

For more information, visit [www.daher.com](http://www.daher.com) and [www.tbm850.com](http://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:** Odyssey Aviation, First Public Transport Commercial Operator of the TBM 700, Toronto, Canada

**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

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

**DAHER-SOCATA's TBM 850 in figures**

<b>Powerplant</b>	P&W Canada PT6A-66D turboprop	
Thermodynamic power	1825 eshp	
Nominal power:	850 shp	
Usable fuel capacity:	291.6 USG	1,100 liters
<b>Dimensions</b>		
Overall length		10.645 m
Wingspan		12.680 m
<b>Internal</b>		
Maximum freight volume in cabin		3.5 m3
<b>Loading</b>		
Basic empty weight	4,589 lbs	2,081 kg
Maximum ramp weight (MRW)	7,430 lbs	3,370 kg
Maximum Takeoff weight	7,394 lbs	3,353 kg
Maximum Zero Fuel Weight	6,032 lbs	2,735 kg
Maximum payload	1,443 lbs	654 kg
Maximum payload with maximum fuel	900 lbs	407 kg
Maximum luggage in storage areas	297 lbs	135 kg
<b>Performance</b> (ISA conditions, MTOW, no wind,)		
Maximum Cruising Speed at long-range settings	252 KTAS	467 km/h
Maximum cruise speed at 26,000 ft	320 KTAS	593 km/h
Time to climb to 26,000 ft	15 min	
Time to climb to	20 min	
Certified ceiling	31,000 ft	9,449 m
<b>Distances</b> (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	1,585 nm	2,935 km
At maximum cruise speed with maximum fuel	1,410 nm	2,611 km
<b>Price (for 2010 delivery)</b>		
Standard equipped aircraft:	3,014,850.00 USD	
Average equipped aircraft:	3,177,710.00 USD	