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Stéphane Mayer is named Chief Executive Officer of DAHER-SOCATA

Tarbes, France, August 31, 2010 – Stéphane Mayer has joined DAHER-SOCATA as its Chief Executive Officer, bringing an experienced industry executive into the management team responsible for further developing DAHER's Aerospace sector activity – including investments and future projects with the company's General Aviation Division.

In his new functions, the 47-year-old Mayer will be working directly with François Lépinoy, the Chairman of DAHER-SOCATA.

Mayer also become a member of DAHER's Executive Committee.

Mayer has direct expertise with DAHER-SOCATA having been the Chairman and CEO of EADS SOCATA from 2003 to 2007, which was prior to DAHER's acquisition of this EADS company in 2008.

Before assuming his new responsibilities at DAHER-SOCATA, Mayer was CEO of ATR, the European manufacturer of regional turboprop airliners.

His other industry experience included assignments with the Lagardère group, where he was the Senior Vice President of Spare Parts and CFO at Matra Automobile, later becoming a member of its supervisory board.

Mayer graduated from France's Ecole Polytechnique engineering school in 1984, and has further qualifications from ENSAE (Ecole Nationale de la Statistique et de l'Administration Economique) and Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris. He started out his career in external auditing. Mayer is a pilot whose airplane ratings include DAHER-SOCATA's TBM very fast turboprop aircraft.

About DAHER-SOCATA

DAHER is a European-based integrated equipment and services supplier with a worldwide reach. It specializes in the aerospace, nuclear, defense and industry sectors, and focuses its activities in three fields of expertise: manufacturing, services, and transportation – which enable it to offer a comprehensive package.

Created in 1863, DAHER is an independent international group with bases in 12 countries. The company has tripled its business during the past six years, achieving a turnover of 740 million euros in 2009.

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.

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