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The first Singaporean TBM 850 makes a high-profile appearance at Australia's 10th international air show

March 8, 2011 – DAHER-SOCATA's TBM 850 attracted significant attention during the very fast turboprop aircraft's appearance at the 2011 Australian International Airshow, which was held last week in Avalon.

The aircraft on display was recently delivered to John Giddens, the CEO of Hallin Marine, who plans to operate his TBM 850 throughout Southeast Asia

"We received a large number of inquiries for governmental, corporate and private use of the TBM 850 outfitted with a satellite-phone system, HF communications and a pilot door – which is how the displayed aircraft is equipped," said Nicolas Chabbert, the Senior Vice President of DAHER-SOCATA's Airplane Division. "This is the perfect example of how to equip an aircraft for international flight operations across the South Pacific."

The TBM 850 shown at Avalon was flown from DAHER-SOCATA's Tarbes, France production facility by Giddens and Ng Yeow Meng, the founder of Wings Over Asia, with this new aircraft arriving in Singapore during February at the end of a delivery journey through Europe, the Middle East, the Indian subcontinent and Southeast Asia.

DAHER-SOCATA's TBM 850 is the world's fastest single turboprop aircraft, with a maximum cruising speed of 320 KTAS at Flight Level 260 (in ISA conditions). It combines cruising speed and trip times of a light jet with the economic direct operating costs, range and moderate environmental signature of a turboprop engine. The maximum range and useful load – which are enhanced on the current version – and the ability to land at small airports are some of its customers' favorite features.

About DAHER-SOCATA

DAHER is a European integrated equipment and services supplier. The company specialises in the aerospace, nuclear, defence 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.

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