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**DAHER-SOCATA highlights the corporate use of its TBM 850 very fast turboprop at the NBAA's 2011 annual meeting**

Las Vegas, Nevada, October 9, 2011 – DAHER-SOCATA is exhibiting its TBM 850 very fast turboprop at the National Business Aviation Association's 64th Annual Meeting & Convention this week, where the aircraft is making a debut appearance in Las Vegas.

Much of the focus at NBAA's 2011 event is on the use of the light business airplanes such as the TBM 850 to meet rapid business transportation needs in today's challenging economic environment. The NBAA is even having sessions dedicated to light business airplane owners/operators to help them maximize their efficiency and productivity.

"Our TBM 850 very fast turboprop's debut appearance in the city of Las Vegas delivers a 'closer to the point' message, and is a good way to highlight its role as a highly productive transportation tool for a company," said Nicolas Chabbert, the President of SOCATA North America. "The TBM 850's unique performance-to-cost ratio makes it economically acceptable, and its ability to land at small airports significantly reduces travel time compared to larger aircraft."

Terry Winson, the Vice President of Sales at Avex – DAHER-SOCATA's TBM distributor for the Southwest U.S. – noted that an increasing number of operators who previously utilized jets are now considering the TBM for their business travel. "Adding to the TBM 850's credibility is its lineage, which is linked to a company that has been in the airplane business for 100 years," he added.

DAHER-SOCATA's TBM 850 demonstrator is included in the NBAA Annual Meeting & Convention's static display at Las Vegas' Henderson Executive Airport, and the company also has an exhibit in the Las Vegas Convention Center (Booth #C6521).

The TBM 850 is world’s fastest single turboprop aircraft, with a maximum cruise speed of 320 KTAS at Flight Level 260 (in ISA conditions). It combines the cruising speed and trip times of a light jet with the economic direct operating costs, range and eco-friendly environmental signature of a turboprop engine.

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

Since its launch in 2005, the TBM 850 has become an international success – with more 244 aircraft delivered as of September 29, 2011. The combined TBM 700 and TBM 850 fleet now stands at 570 units. The TBM’s fleet total flight time exceeded 888,000 hours on September 30;

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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 100th anniversary of continuous aircraft production, marking a legacy that began in 1911 with its predecessor company – Aeroplanes Morane-Saulnier.

DAHER-SOCATA 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
Internal		
Maximum freight volume in cabin	. 123 cu.ft	3.5 m3
Loading		
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
Basic maximum payload	1,443 lbs	659 kg

Maximum payload with maximum 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	2,840 ft	866 m
Landing	2,430 ft	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	