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The TBM 850 Model Year 2009 Makes its U.S. Public Debut at Florida's Sun 'n Fun

- **DAHER-SOCATA's very fast turboprop aircraft participates in the annual fly-in equipped with its new Synthetic Vision Technology (SVT) option**

Lakeland, Florida, April 20, 2009 – DAHER-SOCATA will introduce its latest version of the TBM 850 to the U.S. market at this year's 35th annual Sun 'n Fun fly-in, which will be held April 21-26 at Lakeland Linder Regional Airport in Florida.

Featured with a new standard paint scheme, the 2009 TBM 850 demonstrator brought to Sun 'n Fun incorporates the new optional Synthetic Vision Technology (SVT), which now is available for the very fast turboprop aircraft's Garmin G1000 all-glass integrated flight deck.

The SVT provides three-dimensional depictions of the terrain, obstacles and traffic on the G1000's primary flight displays – providing enhanced situation awareness. As a result, the TBM 850's instrument panel replicates what pilots would see outside the cockpit in a clear day, and the large format displays reduce workload and fit well into a normal cockpit scan.

DAHER-SOCATA also is actively promoting the F.A.S.T (Fly and Share Your TBM) co-ownership program to prospective buyers in the U.S. market. This program – launched one month ago – opens purchase opportunities for a one-third or two-thirds share of a brand-new TBM 850 on a co-ownership basis. For the one-third share, a minimum 100 days of exclusive use is provided per year on an unlimited flight hour basis – which differs from traditional fractional programs requiring the purchase of annual flight hours that are either used or lost.

The annual Sun 'n Fun fly-in began in 1975 and brings together enthusiasts from around the world for a unique aviation experience. Last year, more than 160,000 visitors attended Sun 'n Fun, and a record 520 commercial exhibitors showcased the latest in aviation products and technology.

“We're pleased to be able to showcase our newest TBM 850 at Sun 'n Fun, which is one of the world's premier aviation events, and is the annual gathering that launches the aviation season in America,” said Nicolas Chabbert, President of SOCATA North America. “The unique combination of the F.A.S.T incentive ownership program and the aircraft's excellent range – plus its good useful load and jet-like speed – continues to make the TBM 850 a preferred option for many buyers. In addition, its environmental-friendliness and lower cost of operation are particularly attractive attributes today.”

The TBM 850 is available via DAHER-SOCATA's existing direct sales and distribution network, and is supported by its extensive worldwide network of service centers.

Since the TBM 850's launch at the end of 2005, this aircraft has become an international success – with more than 200 sold, and over 150 delivered to customers around the globe.

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, while offering the 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 7,200 employees and 12 international installations (four in Western Europe, three in Eastern Europe, two in North America, two in Africa and one in Australia). DAHER will exceed a €930 million turnover in 2009.

For more information, visit www.daher.com and 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: 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

2007: Garmin selected to design an integrated all-glass flight deck for the TBM 850

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

DAHER-SOCATA TBM 850 in figures

Powerplant	PWC PT6A-66D		
	turboprop		
Thermodynamic power	1825 eshp		
Nominal power:	850 shp		
Usable fuel capacity:	291.6 gal	1,100 liters	
Dimensions			
Overall length	34.92 ft	10.645 m	
Wingspan	41.60 ft		12.680 m
Internal			
Maximum freight volume in cabin	123.6 cu. ft.		3.5 cu.m
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	297 lbs		135 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 2009 delivery)			
Standard equipped aircraft:		2 919 850 USD	
Average equipped aircraft		3 082 710 USD	