

Media contact:

Airplane Division - Philippe de Segovia

Tel +33 (0)6 70 21 70 47 - p.de-segovia@socata.daher.com

TBM Multi-Mission Aircraft is introduced at the 2009 Paris Air Show by DAHER-SOCATA

- **Intelligence, reconnaissance and surveillance applications for the very fast turboprop are highlighted in a technology demonstrator at Le Bourget**

Le Bourget, France, June 15, 2009 – DAHER-SOCATA is unveiling the multi-mission version of its TBM very fast turboprop aircraft this week, presenting a turret-equipped demonstrator in the static display at the 2009 Paris Air Show.

The demonstrator exhibited at Le Bourget Airport is a TBM 700B multi-mission aircraft (MMA), which is outfitted with the Thales AGILE 2 gyro-stabilized multi-sensor turret. Located under the aircraft's aft fuselage, this electrically-driven turret is fully-retractable, and accommodates up to four latest-generation sensors – including infrared and electro-optical systems, along with a laser rangefinder and a laser designator to mark targets.

“Our TBM MMA is the result of a multi-year development program, and it offers a highly affordable airborne reconnaissance, surveillance and intelligence platform for both security and governmental operators,” said Nicolas Chabbert, Senior Vice-President of the DAHER-SOCATA Airplane Division. “It brings together the proven Thales Agile 2 multi-sensor platform – already in operation on-board several airborne and naval platforms worldwide, with the TBM very fast turboprop – which has logged more than 750,000 flight hours in a global fleet of some 500 aircraft. In addition to TBM's demonstrated performance, the aircraft has an excellence maintenance record, especially in service with the French Armed Forces.”

Control of the TBM MMA's retractable turret is performed from a “plug-and-play” operator's console inside the cabin. —A joystick is provided for the operator, and the console is configured to display imagery from the turret, as well as handle signal processing. A long-duration digital recording function also is available.

The console is designed for installation on all TBM models, enabling both the TBM 700 and TBM 850 to perform reconnaissance, surveillance and intelligence-gathering detection missions. Easily installed on existing cabin floor hard points, the console replaces the TBM's existing right intermediate seat. The installation's weight is approximately 290 lbs. (131 kg.), enabling an equipped TBM 850 MMA to carry a full fuel payload of 730 lbs. (330 kg.). With a removal time of 30 minutes, the TBM MMA can be quickly reconfigured to a passenger transport configuration.

The TBM turboprop aircraft are available through DAHER-SOCATA's existing direct sales and distribution network, and are supported by its extensive worldwide network of service centers. The latest version, launch in 2005, the TBM 850 has become an international success – with more than 200 aircraft sold, and 160 delivered to date to customers around the globe.

As the world's fastest single engine turboprop, the TBM 850 has a maximum cruise speed of 320 KTAS at 26,000 ft. (in ISA conditions). The TBM 850 is an 850-shp version of SOCATA's proven six-seat TBM 700 turboprop business aircraft, and it 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 7,000 employees and 12 international installations (four in Western Europe, three in Eastern Europe, two in North America, two in Africa and one in Australia). DAHER will exceed a €850 million turnover in 2009.

For more information, visit www.daher.com and www.tbm850.com