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U.S. students in the DAHER-SOCATA/EAA-sponsored Young Eagles internship program are welcomed to AirVenture

Oshkosh, Wisconsin, July 27, 2009 – The two U.S. students participating in this year’s “Young Eagles” summer internship program co-sponsored by DAHER-SOCATA and the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) detailed their trans-Atlantic experience with the international aviation industry during a press conference today at the EAA’s 2009 AirVenture fly-in.

SOCATA NA President Nicolas Chabbert introduced Karl Parsons and Irene Trujillo, whose Young Eagles activity included working at DAHER-SOCATA’s headquarters and production facility in Tarbes, France, visiting the 2009 Paris Air Show, and touring the Airbus A380 final assembly line at in Toulouse, France.

“The internship was a great experience. The opportunity to discover the aviation industry from such a unique perspective will be extremely beneficial wherever I go in today’s global workplace,” said Parsons, who is from Prescott, Arizona, and was assigned to DAHER-SOCATA’s engineering department in charge of investigating potential retrofit applications for the TBM 700.

“This internship went beyond my expectations; Not only did it introduce me to the many opportunities offered by the aviation industry it gave me a valuable cross-culture experience. ” explained Trujillo. “I was struck by the sense of community within the

company. It's important to know the people you're working with, even in a company with over 1,000 employees. It was also an excellent opportunity to see the amount of work that goes into manufacturing an aircraft from start to finish, and all of the follow-up needed to keep the fleet in service."

She worked on a customer service development project at the DAHER-SOCATA Customer Services department, and is from Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Nicolas Chabbert, the president of SOCATA North America, said DAHER-SOCATA is committed to providing a valuable experience for the internship program's participants, and is dedicated to continuing its Young Eagles partnership with the Experimental Aircraft Association.

"Our ambition is to make a difference for the future of the interns who are welcomed to our company each year, and who have the opportunity to interact with SOCATA employees for a unique cultural exchange," Chabbert explained.

The Young Eagles program was launched in 1992 to provide general aviation experience for students interested in an aviation career. This activity is offered free of charge, and is made possible by the generosity of the Experimental Aircraft Association's members, its volunteers and corporations.

In the Young Eagles activity supported by DAHER-SOCATA, students travel from the U.S. to France for a multi-week assignment at the company's Tarbes facility – where they gain experience in an area of their choice, such as marketing, production, management, design, support or service.

"DAHER-SOCATA's commitment to this scholarship program is exemplary," said Elissa Lines, the Experimental Aircraft Association's vice president of development. "It provides an incentive and a challenge to our Young Eagles, along with the opportunity to explore a variety of career directions within the aviation field to see what the future holds. For a student, nothing is more important."

In addition to DAHER-SOCATA's long-term commitment to the Young Eagles program through its provision of European experience for American students, the Experimental Aircraft Association is challenging U.S.-based aviation industries to offer similar opportunities to Young Eagles residing outside the U.S. "This will further promote the cultural sharing that is so instrumental in the development process of our industry's leadership," Lines added.

Jim and Angela Thompson, who are among the Young Eagles program's donors, said they were pleased that Irene Trujillo – a former recipient of the Thompson Air Academy Scholarship – was selected for the 2009 EAA/DAHER SOCATA internship. "It warms our hearts to see Irene have the opportunity for such an experience," they stated. The Thompsons are active aviators and members of the Experimental Aircraft Association,

and they successfully bid for a Young Eagles fund-raising package that included attendance at the 2009 Paris Air Show and an A380 flight simulator ride at Airbus' Toulouse, France training facility.

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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 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.

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