



## News Releases

### TBM 700/850 Family presented at Asian Aerospace '06

- High speed business aircraft committed to hit world's fastest growing market



**Asian Aerospace 2006, Singapore , 21 February 2006:** EADS Socata, the General Aviation subsidiary of EADS, focus its presence at Asian Aerospace 2006 on the TBM 700/850 turboprop aircraft family of high-performance, pressurized business aircraft with multirole capability (liaison, training, homeland security, electronic intelligence, navaid inflight inspection, medevac, express freight).



A TBM 700 is exhibited on the static display area while a model of the TBM 850 is on display on the EADS booth. Built on the success of the TBM 700, the TBM 850 launched in december offers its operators a maximum cruising speed of 320 KTAS at flight level 260 (in ISA conditions) combining the cruising speed of a light jet with the economic direct operating costs of a single-engined turboprop. TBM 850 is able to fly direct from Singapore to Hong-Kong while most light jets will need to make an intermediate fuel stop. Even at long-range (economy) cruise, the TBM 850 offers cruise speeds of more than 250 KTAS at FL310 – which is as fast as the maximum cruise speed of some competing business turboprops at similar altitudes.



“ We feel an increasing need for high speed corporate transportation in Asia-Pacific. Main reasons are the fast growing economy and a lot of major cities are not directly linked by the airlines. Business aviation in Asia shows today a strong potential of growth as it represents only 2,5% of world's business aviation fleet. The TBM 700/850 family should get a significant share of this market as it perfectly responds to the increasing needs of companies and businessmen in Asia in terms of proven technology, comfort, performance and economy for their regional transportation.” explained Marc Le Stunff, EADS Socata deputy Vice President Sales & Marketing.



Today more than 6,000 Socata aircraft are operated throughout the world, including 2155 TB piston aircraft and 330 TBM 700 high speed turboprop. Approximately 1,000 TB are in service with 51 civilian or military training organizations.



In the Asia-Pacific area, EADS Socata is leading the General Aviation market with a total of 14 TBM 700 and 304 Socata TB aircraft delivered to 25 customers including 12 flying schools in eight countries: Australia, China, India, Indonesia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand.

Eurocopter Malaysia, EADS Socata's distributor for Asia-Pacific has achieved significant sales results in the area, with 18 aircraft sold and delivered in 2005.

- One TB 10 GT to an Indonesian private customer,



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- Five TB 10 Tobago GT and a fixed-base simulator with visual has been delivered recently to the Indonesian Navy, a contract worth 2.5 million euros,
- One TBM 700 to a Malaysian company, first pressurized turboprop in Malaysia,
- 5 TB 10 GT to HM Aerospace, Flight School, Langkawi, Malaysia,
- 2 TB 10 to IT&S, Flight school, Ipoh, Malaysia,
- 2 TB 20 GT to Malaysian private customers, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- One TB 21 GT to an Australian private customer, Queensland, Australia,
- One TBM 700C2 to MDH Pty, Queensland, Australia

EADS Socata is one of the world's leading general aviation manufacturers, continues a tradition initiated by Morane-Saulnier in 1911. EADS Socata manufactures the TBM high-speed turboprop and the TB GT range of piston-engined touring and training aircraft, as well as being an industrial partner of Airbus airliners (including the A380), the A400M military transport, the Dassault Falcon 7X as well as Eurocopter helicopters and Embraer regional jets.

The company is headquartered in Tarbes, France, and its North American operations are located Pembroke Pines, Florida. EADS Socata is a wholly-owned subsidiary of EADS – the second largest aerospace and defense company in the world. The EADS Group includes the aircraft manufacturer Airbus, the world's largest helicopter supplier Eurocopter and the MBDA joint venture, the international leader in missile systems. EADS is the prime contractor for the Ariane launcher, develops the A400M military transport aircraft and is the largest industrial partner for the European satellite navigation system Galileo.