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SABENA TECHNICS ACQUIRES AEROTECH PRO

French group Sabena technics, an independent provider of aircraft maintenance and modification (MRO) solutions, announces the acquisition of AeroTech Pro, thereby strengthening its presence on military markets.

Based in Aix-en-Provence and Istres (France), AeroTech Pro offers high added value services, including technical assistance, for military markets in France and abroad. It also has access to a 10,000 m² hangar, next to the Istres air base, to carry out airframe maintenance operations on its own.

"We were looking to associate AeroTech Pro with a leader of the MRO sector. With Sabena technics we found the best possible solution as we share the same values of quality, responsiveness and loyalty, all for the satisfaction of our customers. We are convinced that together we will be able to provide them, in France and internationally, with complete and competitive solutions guaranteeing the best fleet availability", says Jean Bernard Garcia and Philippe Galland, shareholders and managers of AeroTech Pro.

"Through this acquisition, we are valuing the know-how of an agile and responsive French SME with real knowledge of military operators' needs. This operation not only marks a new step in our external growth strategy, but also ensures the sustainability of AeroTech Pro's activities", indicates Philippe Rochet, Chief Executive Officer of Sabena technics. *"We look forward to working together and benefiting from synergies to better meet our customers' expectations".*

This announcement also echoes the visit of French Minister of the Armed Forces, Florence Parly, a few weeks ago at Sabena technics' site in Dinard. A visit during which she notably confirmed the role of the MRO provider alongside Airbus as part of the pre-order of three A330 MRTT, thus confirming the position of Sabena technics as a major global player in the support for this program.

"Thanks to the recognized technical expertise of AeroTech Pro on A400M and A330 MRTT, Sabena technics will develop its service offering and strengthen its position on these two Airbus military aircraft. This makes us the only private industrial company with infrastructures and human resources in France able to ensure their industrial support. Moreover, we can accompany the manufacturer in its development by projecting technical teams on the operation and maintenance sites as close as possible to the operators, both in France and abroad" adds Philippe Rochet.

As a long-standing partner of several states and military organizations, Sabena technics creates tailor-made solutions to meet their operational requirements. In France in particular, the Group has been providing global support packages (MCO), modification and modernization as well as logistics services on various aircraft operated by the Navy, the Air Force, the Army and Civilian Security for over 50 years.

ABOUT SABENA TECHNICS

Sabena technics is a leading French independent provider of aircraft maintenance & modification solutions. With over 3000 employees based in 14 sites worldwide, the Group supports a large range of aircraft from regional, narrow and wide body, to military fleets. Its long experience, combined with its strong industrial resources, allows it to answer each of its customers' needs with complete and dedicated solutions: Airframe MRO, CAMO, Component MRO, Modifications, Supply-Chain, Painting, and Training.

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