

## LATECOERE IS LAUNCHING ITS NEW SITE IN INDIA IN THE PRESENCE OF ITS TWO CUSTOMERS, DASSAULT AVIATION AND THALES

Paris, 11 September 2019 – Latécoère, a tier 1 partner to major international aircraft manufacturers, has unveiled its new plant in Belagavi, India, in the state of Karnataka, on September 10.

With a total surface area of 4,400 sqm, the new site is dedicated to the manufacturing of the Radio Navigation harnesses for Falcon 2000 and for the future, its main harness as well as the avionics harnesses for Thales for aircraft such as Boeing B777, B737 and Airbus A320, as well as many other airlines (Emirates, British Airways and Qatar).

The new "best cost" site, which employs 70 people, in line with the objective of reaching a workforce of 300 by 2022, completes the Latécoère group's production system of harness equipment.

The first delivery took place in August 2019 to the Latécoère site in Liposthey, France, in order to finalize the manufacturing of the Radio Navigation harnesses for Falcon 2000.

Yannick Assouad, CEO of Latécoère, added: *"First of all, I would like to thank all our teams in India and France who, for now more than a year, have made this project possible. I am proud to open a new chapter for Latécoère's development in India, alongside two prestigious names in aerospace, Dassault Aviation and Thales. Latécoère continues to evolve in line with the Transformation 2020 plan, and actively pursuing its strategy to optimize its industrial infrastructure and ensure operational excellence and quality for all customers"*.

Benoît Berger, Senior Executive Vice President, Procurement and Purchasing of Dassault Aviation, adds: *"Dassault Aviation welcomes the establishment of Latécoère in India which illustrates the commitment of French companies to contribute to the "Make in India" policy by nurturing a sustainable eco-system for the benefit of the entire Indian aerospace Industry. In addition to the implementation of DRAL manufacturing facility in Mihan Nagpur, this new step paves the way towards positioning India as an international supplier reference in the global aerospace market matching the highest standards in this field"*.

Gil Michielin, Thales Executive Vice President for Avionics, comments: *"Latécoère is an historic partner to Thales and India is a strategic country for the Group. It is therefore a significant milestone that Latécoère chose to join us here, a move that resonates with our strategy to support the government's Make in India initiative by contributing to Foreign Direct Investment directly and through our partners, and transferring skills and technology to local enterprises. India remains an integral part of our global supply chain strategy and we look forward to significantly increasing the level of procurement here"*.

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**About Dassault Aviation**

*With over 10,000 military and civil aircraft delivered in more than 90 countries over the last century, Dassault Aviation has built up expertise recognized worldwide in the design, development, sale and support of all types of aircraft, from the Rafale fighter, to the high-end Falcon family of business jets, military drones and space systems. In 2018, Dassault Aviation reported revenues of €5.1 billion. The company has 11,500 employees.*

**About Latécoère**

*Latécoère is a tier 1 partner to major international aircraft manufacturers (Airbus, Embraer, Dassault, Boeing and Bombardier), in all segments of the aeronautical market (commercial, regional, corporate and military aircraft), specialising in two fields:*

- *Aerostructures (58% of total revenue): fuselage sections and doors.*
- *Interconnection systems (42% of total revenue): onboard wiring, electrical harnesses and avionics bays.*

*At December 31, 2018, Latécoère employed 4,958 people in 13 different countries. Latécoère, a French corporation (société anonyme) with capital of €190,337,036 divided into 95,168,518 shares with a par value of €2 per share, is listed on Euronext Paris - Compartment B. ISIN codes: FR0000032278 - Reuters: LAEP.PA - Bloomberg: LAT.FP*

**About Thales**

*Thales (Euronext Paris: HO) is a global technology leader shaping the world of tomorrow today. The Group provides solutions, services and products to customers in the aeronautics, space, transport, digital identity and security, and defence markets. With 80,000 employees in 68 countries, Thales generated sales of €19 billion in 2018 (on a pro forma basis including Gemalto).*

*Thales is investing in particular in digital innovations — connectivity, Big Data, artificial intelligence and cybersecurity — technologies that support businesses, organisations and governments in their decisive moments.*