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The first DAHER-SOCATA TBM 850 is delivered to a Singapore operator at Wings Over Asia Appreciation Day

- **Chief Executive of Hallin Marine will operate the very fast turboprop in Southeast Asia**

Singapore, February, 19 2011 – DAHER-SOCATA has delivered a new TBM 850 to John Giddens, the CEO of Hallin Marine – with this first Singapore handover of the very fast turboprop aircraft occurring at the Wings Over Asia TBM 850 Appreciation Day.

Flown from DAHER-SOCATA's Tarbes, France production facility by Giddens and Ng Yeow Meng, the founder of Wings Over Asia, this new aircraft arrived in Singapore at the end of a delivery journey through Europe, the Middle East, the Indian subcontinent and Southeast Asia.

WingsOverAsia.com is Asia's leading general aviation Website portal, offering an aviation store, social networking and flight planning, along with aircraft sales and marketing resources. It is headquartered in Singapore and led by Ng Yeow Meng, a visionary with a deep passion for flying.

“The growing family of TBM operators welcomes John Giddens – a dedicated and enthusiastic aviator, who will fly our very fast turboprop aircraft throughout Southeast Asia,” said Nicolas Chabbert, Senior Vice President of the DAHER-SOCATA Airplane Division. “We especially appreciate his offer to introduce the TBM 850 at a Wings Over Asia event with Ng Yeow Meng, whose commitment to developing general aviation in Asia is highly inspiring.”

Giddens founded Hallin Marine, a Singapore-based world-class marine and undersea installation contractor, in 1998. The company works mainly for the offshore oil, gas, and renewable energy sectors. Since its creation, the company expanded internationally, was listed on the London Stock

Exchange in 2005, and then acquired by Superior Energy of the U.S. in early 2010. Giddens continues as chief executive of the expanding Hallin group.

“The TBM 850’s speed and endurance enabled us to get so much out of the delivery trip from Europe to Singapore, and to enjoy more time in the places we visited along the way,” Giddens explained. “It performed superbly throughout, and we had absolutely no maintenance problems in more than 100 hours of flight since taking delivery in Tarbes. I am really looking forward to flying the TBM 850 in Southeast Asia: it will greatly extend my range and the opportunities for business and pleasure flying from Singapore. Operating on JetA1 fuel and providing good reliability, the TBM 850 does so at a reasonable operating cost.”

DAHER-SOCATA’s TBM 850 is the world’s fastest single turboprop aircraft, with a maximum cruising speed of 320 KTAS at Flight Level 260 (in ISA conditions). It combines cruising speed and trip times of a light jet with the economic direct operating costs, range and moderate environmental signature of a turboprop engine. The maximum range and useful load – which are enhanced on the current version – and the ability to land at small airports are some of its customers’ favorite features.

About DAHER-SOCATA

DAHER is a European integrated equipment and services supplier. The company specialises in the aerospace, nuclear, defence and industry sectors, concentrating on three core activities: manufacturing, services and transport, which it builds into a global offer.

Founded in 1863, DAHER is an independent, international group with installations in 12 countries. DAHER has tripled in size over six years to reach an annual turnover of 740 million Euros in 2009.

DAHER-SOCATA, DAHER group’s aeronautics division, boasts a global and original offering to serve airframe manufacturers and tier-1 equipment manufacturers, with established expertise in four complementary activities presenting a wealth of synergies: aircraft manufacturing, aerostructures, services and technology specialties.

In 2011, DAHER-SOCATA is celebrating the 100th anniversary of continuous aircraft production, marking a legacy that began in 1911 with its predecessor company – Aeroplanes Morane-Saulnier.

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