



Daher strengthens the flight training component for its Kodiak and TBM aircraft with a new Director of Training and Standards

Tarbes, France, January 25, 2021 – Daher’s Aircraft Division has marked an important step in enhancing the flight training element for its Kodiak and TBM turboprop-powered airplanes with the appointment of Wayman Luy as the Director of Training and Standards.

In this newly-created position, Luy’s priorities include developing a standardized training program for both pilots and instructors – applying such tools as on-line learning, e-learning and computer learning, while leveraging computer simulation, for example with Microsoft Flight Simulator.

He also will oversee the factory-approved flight training organizations: U.S.-based Parkwater Aviation with Kodiak training courses and the world’s only full-motion simulator for this aircraft type; SimCom Aviation Training, with its TBM courses and simulator centers in Scottsdale, Arizona and Orlando, Florida; as well as France’s Sim-Aero, which conducts EASA-certified TBM training.

“With nearly 1,300 Kodiaks and TBMs now flying worldwide, we are more focused than ever on providing owners and operators with the knowledge and skills to operate their aircraft at the maximum level of safety,” commented Nicolas Chabbert, the Senior Vice President of Daher’s Aircraft Division. “To be fully effective across the user base, this must be carried out in a standardized manner, and there is no one better suited to the task than Wayman Luy.”

Luy’s training expertise includes 20-plus years of working with students and logging thousands of flight hours at the Wayman Aviation Academy in Florida – set up by his father in 1987, and sold by the family three years ago. Adding to this are 6,000 hours in the TBM as a mentor pilot and factory demo pilot since 2004 – working closely with Daher’s Aircraft Division and the Daher aviator community during the past 16 years.

In addition to his qualifications as a certified flight instructor, maintenance test pilot for light aircraft and an airline pilot's rating, Luy has a Bachelor's Degree in Aeronautical Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He also holds an Airframe & Powerplant Mechanic certification with FAA Inspection Authorization.

About Daher - www.daher.com

Daher is an aircraft manufacturer and an industry and service equipment supplier. Daher asserts its leadership in three main businesses: aircraft manufacturing, aerospace equipment and systems, logistics and supply chain services; and achieved a turnover of 1.2 billion euros in 2019. With the stability provided by its family ownership, Daher has been committed to innovation since its creation in 1863. Today, present in 13 countries, Daher is a leader in Industry 4.0, designing and developing value-added solutions for its industrial partners.

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About the Daher aircraft product line - www.kodiak.aero / www.tbm.aero

Daher manufactures two families of single-engine turboprop airplanes: the Kodiak utility aircraft in Sandpoint, Idaho, USA; and the very fast pressurized TBM in Tarbes, France.

The Kodiak 100 Series II is an unpressurized 10-seat airplane equipped with Garmin's G1000 NXi avionics, capable of operating on uneven and ultra-short runways, or on water in the amphibious version. Its unique combination of robust construction and remarkable 3,530-lb. (1,605 kg) useful load has resulted in many additional applications for the Kodiak, including special missions, medevac, as a skydiving platform and more.

Current TBM models in production are the TBM 910, equipped with Garmin's G1000 Nxi avionics system, controlled by a keypad; and the TBM 940, featuring Garmin's G3000 avionics with touchscreen controller, an autothrottle and HomeSafe™, its new emergency autoland function. Both models offer increased automation and superior performance – a maximum cruise speed of 330 kts. – and high efficiency with a 1,730-naut. mi. maximum range and a fuel consumption of 37 U.S. gallons per hour at economy cruise.

To date, a total of 280 Kodiak and 1,018 TBM aircraft have been delivered to international owners and operators, with the global fleet accumulating more than two million flight hours.

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