



Daher expands its global support network with MecanAir's designation as a dual Kodiak and TBM aircraft service center in Switzerland

Tarbes, France, February 2, 2020 – Daher today announced the appointment of Switzerland's MecanAir SA as an authorized service center for both the Kodiak and TBM turboprop-powered aircraft.

Based at Ecuwillens Airport (LSGE) near Fribourg, MecanAir is an EASA Part 145 certificated maintenance and repair station. It has been operating as an authorized Kodiak service center, and the expansion of its responsibilities to the TBM underscores Daher's integration of these two airplanes in the company's single-engine turboprop product line.

MecanAir is specialized in the maintenance and repair of aircraft weighing under 12,500 lbs., as well as the overhaul of turboprop engines and accessories. In addition to its Ecuwillens Airport location, the company has maintenance workshops at the Swiss airports of Yverdon-les-Bains and Grenchen.

Under the expanded agreement with Daher's Aircraft Division, MecanAir is now capable of handling all scheduled and non-scheduled maintenance services for Kodiak and TBM aircraft, and airworthiness-related control/management under the authorization as a Continuous Airworthiness Monitoring Organization (CAMO).

“This is another important step in enhancing our global Network after Daher’s acquisition of Kodiak in 2019,” explained Nicolas Chabbert, the Senior Vice President of Daher’s Aircraft Division, and the CEO of Kodiak Aircraft. “With MecanAir’s dual Kodiak and TBM authorization today – to be followed by other service centers in the future – customers will benefit from more comprehensive coverage and the increased synergy of our Network worldwide.”

Raphaël Maître, the Vice President of Customer Support for Daher’s Aircraft Division, added: “As a key member of services for the Kodiak aircraft family for 10 years, MecanAir distinguished itself as an extremely capable support partner. Our Kodiak Care team, led by Dave Schuck, has been very pleased with MecanAir’s responsiveness at its own facilities, as well as the response to off-site maintenance calls. The next step was extending MecanAir’s capability to the TBM.”

MecanAir founding-CEO Michel Devaud is a well-known professional who developed a range of auto racing engines in the Can-Am and F5000 series for teams that included McLaren and Lola during the 1970s.

As an active private pilot, Devaud has built his own aircraft, and he set up an aviation engine overhaul operation to work on airplane engines. In 1976, Devaud created MecanAir as an aircraft maintenance and engine overhaul facility specialized in light aircraft – as well as for such legendary airplanes as the Tiger Moth, Bucker, Spitfire, AT-6 and Wildcat.

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 versions 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™ – the 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.

As of December 31, 2020, a total of 280 Kodiak and 1,018 TBM aircraft had been delivered to international owners and operators, with the global fleet accumulating more than two million flight hours.

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