



A new A350 contract is awarded to ARESA by AIRBUS

- **ARESA, one of the ACITURRI AERONÁUTICA firms, will manufacture Internals of section 19 for the new A350 XWB.**
- **This company from Castilla y León is also responsible for design and production of the vertical tail plane (VTP) for the same aircraft.**

Valladolid, April 20th, 2009 – Airbus has already confirmed that production of Internals of section 19 for the A350 XWB has been awarded to Aries Estructuras Aeroespaciales (ARESA). Therefore, the Spanish enterprise will take more part in the European manufacturer recent project.

This new pack for ARESA consolidates the participation of ACITURRI AERONÁUTICA and ARIES in A350 because the firm from Castilla y León is also responsible for design and manufacturing of the vertical tail plane (VTP) for this Programme. The announcement confirms, likewise, ACITURRI and ARIES as first tier suppliers of AIRBUS for its main programmes: A318/A319/A320/A321, A330, A340, A380 and A400M.

This current contract, to be started in 2010, could turn over more than 600 million euros for the next years and shall achieve 50 million euros of additional annual turnover.

This work will allow to create up to 350 new jobs, including direct and indirect jobs for all the company departments: development and manufacturing engineering and manufacturing and assembly. Internals of Section 19 are to be produced at the facilities in Miranda de Ebro (Burgos), Boecillo Industrial Park (Valladolid) and Tres Cantos (Madrid). The parts shall be finally assembled at the AIRBUS premises in Getafe.

Section 19 of A350 XWB is the area where the aircraft fuselage and the vertical and horizontal tail planes are joined. This contract implies the production of elements made of different technologies led by the ACITURRI AERONÁUTICA firms: machining of light alloys (Aluminium, Titanium alloys) and up-to-date composite manufacturing technologies. The structure of this section for the A350 XWB fuselage combines components from basic technological solutions with the latest materials, which increases ACITURRI experience and leadership in design, development, production and assembly of aerostructures.

It is the first contract awarded by AIRBUS to an ACITURRI AERONÁUTICA enterprise since the group acquired most of the share capital of Aries Complex, Aresa and Acta Tecnología Aeroespacial at the end of the last year. Therefore, it confirms the company to lead the progress in aeronautics in Castilla y León.



A350 XWB

The A350 XWB family has 3 aircraft versions with extra wide fuselage made of carbon fibre technologies, roomy and comfortable for the traveller; and the A350XWB-1000 model has 350 passengers capacity and flight autonomy for more than 15.000 kilometres.

The Airbus A350 will compete with the Boeing 787 Dreamliner in the long range and mid-sized aircraft market. According to the sales forecast, more than 3.700 aircrafts are to be sold for the next twenty years in this domain.

The A350 XWB combines the state-of-the-art aerodynamics, design and latest technologies. It is worth noting the fuselage is made of composite, mainly of carbon fibre. ARIES COMPLEX has more than 20 years experience in this kind of technology – since it started working in Tres Cantos (Madrid) - and one of the most up-to-date European manufacturing facilities for this material components, which is located in Boecillo Industrial Park (Valladolid).

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