



Press release

## **Dassault Aviation enters exclusive discussions with Alcatel-Lucent to acquire its stake in Thales**

**Paris, November 18, 2008** - Following Dassault Aviation's press release on October 13, 2008 and Alcatel-Lucent's (Euronext Paris and NYSE: ALU) one on October 14, 2008, both companies today announced that they are entering exclusive discussions until December 15, 2008 to acquire Alcatel-Lucent's 20.8% stake in Thales by Dassault. The acquisition price will be 38 euros per share.

Dassault Aviation's work's council and board of directors will be called for a meeting.

Dassault Aviation will file with the AMF (French Financial Market Authority) a request for exemption to launch a mandatory tender offer.

Besides, Dassault Aviation has launched discussions with the French state to define the scope of their partnership as shareholders of Thales.

Dassault Aviation and Alcatel-Lucent will keep the market informed about any significant change in their negotiations.

### **About Dassault Aviation**

DASSAULT AVIATION is a major world player in the aeronautical industry, involved in the civilian and military fields. The company's leadership status is driven by expertise in emerging and strategic technologies, trend-setting design capabilities, lean and flexible production facilities, a highly skilled and committed workforce, and a broad portfolio of civilian and military products.

World leader for the top-of-the-range business jets and only manufacturer of business jets in Europe with the Falcon family, Dassault Aviation also produces the Rafale combat aircraft. The French authorities appointed Dassault Aviation as prime contractor of nEUROn, an European UCAV demonstrator programme.

Thanks to its unique experience as an architect of complex airborne systems and digital flight control systems, the Company brings innovative cooperation schemes to the European military aviation sector. Further information on <http://www.dassault-aviation.com>

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### **About Alcatel-Lucent**

Alcatel-Lucent (Euronext Paris and NYSE: ALU) is the trusted partner of service providers, enterprises and governments worldwide, providing solutions that deliver voice, data and video communication services to end-users. A leader in fixed, mobile and converged broadband networking, IP technologies, applications and services, Alcatel-Lucent leverages the unrivalled technical and scientific expertise of Bell Labs, one of the largest innovation powerhouses in the communications industry. With operations in more than 130 countries and the most experienced global services organization in the industry, Alcatel-Lucent is a local partner with a global reach. Alcatel-Lucent achieved revenues of Euro 17.8 billion in 2007 and is incorporated in France, with executive offices located in Paris. For more information, visit Alcatel-Lucent on the Internet: <http://www.alcatel-lucent.com>

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