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Saft on board the Airbus A350 XWB for its first flight



Paris, June 14, 2013 – Saft, the world's leading designer and manufacturer of advanced technology batteries for industry and for aerospace applications, has supplied the battery systems to provide starting and emergency back-up power for the Airbus A350 XWB that has just completed its maiden flight.

The A350 XWB (Xtra Wide-Body) is an all-new mid-size long range product line seating between 270 and 350 passengers in typical three-class layouts. The aircraft will bring a step change in efficiency compared with existing aircraft in this size category, using 25 per cent less fuel and providing an equivalent reduction in CO₂ emissions.

Some two-thirds of the world's fleet of civil and military aircraft are currently equipped with Saft on-board batteries, including all of the jetliners delivered by Airbus going back to the 1970s. For the A350 XWB family, Saft has been working in close cooperation with Airbus since 2005 to develop a new generation of advanced on-board battery systems that draw on Saft's 15-year experience in delivering high technology battery solutions for space and civil aviation applications.

"The successful maiden flight of the A350 XWB is further demonstration of the excellent technical partnership between Saft and Airbus which goes back for over 40 years. Saft congratulates Airbus on this successful first flight and looks forward to contributing to the success of the next testing phases and the A350 XWB's entry into service," commented John Searle Saft Group's Chairman of the Management Board.

About Saft

Saft (Euronext: Saft) is a world leader in the design and manufacture of advanced technology batteries for industry. The Group is the world's leading manufacturer of nickel batteries and primary lithium batteries for the industrial infrastructure and processes, transportation, civil and military electronics markets. Saft is the world leader in space and defence batteries with its Li-ion technologies which are also being deployed in the energy storage, transportation and telecommunication markets. Saft's 4,000 employees present in 18 countries, its 15 manufacturing sites and extensive sales network all contribute to accelerating the Group's growth for the future.

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