



## **Thales: Marie-Françoise Walbaum co-opted as a member of the Board of Directors**

**Neuilly-sur-Seine, September 25, 2013** – Thales announces that Ms Marie-Françoise Walbaum was co-opted onto its Board of Directors at a board meeting held on September 17, following a proposal from Dassault Aviation. Marie-Françoise Walbaum succeeds Mr Amaury de Sèze, who stepped down from his position as a director of Thales due to personal reasons. She will retain the position as director of Thales for the remainder of Mr de Sèze's mandate, due to come to an end at the annual general meeting, which will be called to approve the 2013 financial statements.

A graduate in economics and sociology from Paris X University, Marie-Françoise Walbaum began her career at BNP Paribas in 1973 and held various positions in retail banking and credit analysis until 1981. From 1981 to 1994, she was successively senior auditor at BNP's Inspectorate General, CEO for mutual funds and CEO of the brokerage firm, Patrick Dubouzet S.A.. In 1994, Marie-Françoise Walbaum became head of principal investments and private equity portfolio manager at BNP Paribas. After a career spanning 39 years with the company, Marie-Françoise Walbaum left BNP Paribas in the summer of 2012.

### **About Thales**

Thales is a global technology leader for the Aerospace, Transportation and Defence & Security markets. In 2012, the company generated revenues of €14.2 billion with 65,000 employees in 56 countries. With its 25,000 engineers and researchers, Thales has a unique capability to design, develop and deploy equipment, systems and services that meet the most complex security requirements. Thales has an exceptional international footprint, with operations around the world working with customers and local partners. [www.thalesgroup.com](http://www.thalesgroup.com)

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