



## **Saft receives large order for the supply of aircraft batteries to Korea Aerospace Industries**

**Paris, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014** – Saft, the world's leading designer and manufacturer of advanced technology batteries for industry, has received orders for the continuing supply of aircraft batteries from Korea Aerospace Industries, Ltd (KAI). Under the terms of the orders, Saft will provide maintenance-free nickel-based batteries for military aircraft applications on the KAI T-50/A-50 series aircraft.

KAI is an emerging competitor in both military and commercial aviation markets, currently providing an indigenous source of advanced jet aircraft to the Republic of Korea Air Force, as well as the military forces of Indonesia, Iraq and Philippines. With this agreement, Saft will continue to provide a single interface for the supply of batteries for T-50/A-50 aircraft.

Saft is the leading provider of nickel-based batteries for defense aircraft with superior power and energy. The nickel-based batteries for aviation perform exceptionally well in all conditions and provide electrical reliability in extreme temperatures. They are renowned for their safety throughout their extended service life.

Marking continued growing demand for Saft batteries and cells, the sustained supply to KAI demonstrates a strengthened, mutually beneficial and successful relationship. Saft's deliveries support KAI in its activities positioned alongside the company's expanding military customer base.

*"With this contract, Saft reinforces its presence in the supply of batteries for both the aviation and defense industries," said Bruce McRae, Director of Aviation, Saft America, Inc. "Saft's AMFB technology® continues to be a superior solution for KAI and its customers. We look forward to continuing our relationship with KAI and advancing battery and cell technology for defense aircraft."*

Saft will supply Aviation Maintenance-Free Batteries (AMFB®) to support advanced fixed-wing jet aircrafts. The nickel-based batteries provide a nominal voltage of 24 volts. The batteries are comprised of leak-proof thermo-welded cells, seam-welded plate tabs and copper cell links and terminals. They are also constructed using superior separator material and a semi-flooded membrane design.

The orders were received in the fourth quarter of 2013, with deliveries scheduled throughout 2014.



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### About Saft

Saft (Euronext: Saft) is a world leading designer and manufacturer 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 deployed in the energy storage, transportation and telecommunication network markets. More than 3,800 employees in 18 countries, 14 manufacturing sites and an extensive sales network all contribute to accelerating the Group's growth for the future.

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