

## **PRESS RELEASE**

# SUNAERO STRENGTHENS ITS POSITION WITH THE ACQUISITION OF RJ AERO AND JAPA AERO DESIGN, BECOMING ONE OF EUROPE'S LEADING PROVIDERS OF MOBILE AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SERVICES

Genay, October 21, 2024 - Sunaero announces the acquisition of RJ Aero and Japa Aero Design, two recognized players in the field of aircraft maintenance services for structures and cabins. This structuring operation is in line with Sunaero's service development strategy and positions the new group as one of the leading players in mobile and technological aeronautical maintenance services, in the fields of metal and composite structures and fuel tanks.

#### A strategic double acquisition to broaden the service offering

The teams of R.J. AERO and JAPA AERO DESIGN will strengthen Sunaero's workforce by contributing their technical expertise and specific know-how. This union will create synergies within the group and improve the efficiency of the services offered. As a result, customers will benefit from a more comprehensive, high-performance offering.

"By combining our expertise and our teams, we are able to offer our customers a complete and unique range of services" says Georges Gomes, Managing Director EMEA of the MRO Services division. "It includes metal and composite structural repairs, tank leak testing and fuel leak repair, cabin and galley retrofit, and non-destructive testing. We work on both aircraft and components, and on all types of equipment, both civil and military."

## Complementary aeronautical maintenance services and the design of innovative solutions

"We are delighted to welcome the R.J. AERO and JAPA AERO DESIGN teams to the Sunaero Group," says Jean Roussel, President of Sunaero Group. "This acquisition reflects our commitment to providing innovative and efficient solutions to our customers, while strengthening our offering in the strategic field of aircraft maintenance. The integration of these two companies will enable Sunaero to increase and expand its services worldwide, while strengthening our innovation and design of innovative maintenance solutions."

Indeed, innovation is deeply embedded in Sunaero's DNA. Relying on the multidisciplinary skills of its design office, the company is committed to developing innovative solutions for its aircraft manufacturer, airline and OEM customers, as well as for its own service teams.

All projects are carried out with the aim of satisfying our customer commitment: "Do it safely, do it quick, and do it right at the first try", a commitment based on the know-how of our teams and the innovation of our products.

Sunaero now operates from three sites in France (CDG-ORY-Le Bourget, Lyon, Clermont-Ferrand), three in the USA (Cincinnati OH, Miami FL, Nashville TN) and one in Malaysia. The Group's teams can be deployed worldwide to provide all kinds of aeronautical maintenance services for the structure, cabin, non-destructive testing and tanks of civil and military aircraft, on a scheduled maintenance or emergency basis (AOG). The



Group expects to achieve sales of around €30 million in 2024. It employs 230 people worldwide, including over 170 aeronautical technicians. In addition to EN9110 certification and the Part 145.C EASA, FAA and EMAR approvals held by its various entities, the Group holds an EASA Part 21J in Asia, as well as approvals for special processes issued by OEMs and OAMs.

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#### About Sunaero

Established in 1993, Sunaero is an innovative company specializing in rapid maintenance solutions for the aeronautical industry. Located in 3 countries and operating worldwide, Sunaero offers state-of-the-art technologies for leak detection, structural repair and MRO services. Thanks to its recognized expertise and capacity for innovation, the company has established itself as a partner of choice for the major players in the aeronautics industry.

## About R.J. AERO and JAPA AERO DESIGN

R.J. AERO was founded in 2001 to provide specialized maintenance and repair services for aircraft. Since its creation, the company has grown by focusing on the quality of its services and meeting the needs of various players in the aeronautical industry. Thanks to the expertise of its technicians and its commitment, RJ AERO has made a name for itself as an aeronautical maintenance key player.

JAPA AERO DESIGN is the result of the merger of JAPA Maintenance, created in 1995, and AERO Design. A key player in aeronautical maintenance, JAPA AERO DESIGN stands out for its expertise in the removal and reinstallation of cabin decor and interiors, painting and varnishing on all types of aircraft, as well as upholstery and wood working for business aviation cabin fittings.

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