



interview with AIRIA

AIRIA and FIBRES DE BERRE: a story about composites ...

The FIBRES DE BERRE Company is a medium sized company located in Marignane, manufacturing composite elements for the aeronautics industry, which has just been purchased by AIRIA. This is the latest acquisition by the young Lyon-based group that has been growing continuously since 2004 through the purchase of companies specialised in subcontracting and mechanics for aeronautics. This organisation consolidates the AIRIA company's position as a leading airbus supplier. AIRIA,



Jean-François Dubant
Président of AIRIA

> AIRIA: a wisely composed company

Jean-François Dubant: The AIRIA group is a young company that has been collecting know how since 2004 through the acquisition of several companies (including Mazères Aviation, Salvaire and AMK International...). This particularly dynamic strategy has put it in the position to present a global chain of subcontracting trades for precision mechanics, engines and tooling for the aeronautics industry. The group's 2008 sales were 55 million Euros, from its eight plants all of which are in France except for one in Tunisia.

> FIBRES DE BERRE: a new element specialised in composites!

The acquisition of FIBRES DE BERRE in March 2009 extends the policy carried out up to now....with a few special features. This company designs, makes, equips and performs maintenance for more than 1000 different parts made of engineering composites for aeronautics. Therefore, this activity reinforces our composites branch and due to the increase in our size, consolidates our position as a leading supplier at Airbus. Its location in Marignane also brings us closer to Eurocopter with which we work. This is a genuine added value action: it increases our know how in our fields of expertise and makes our partnerships

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> A reinforced set of human skills

In 2008, the company employed 360 employees, and about another hundred were added in 2009 through this new acquisition. We have recruited a few more persons since then. This set of actions strengthens our team of highly experienced engineers and technicians. It allows us to perform R&D, industrialisation and production activities on parts and sub-assemblies that we are appointed to manufacture by large customers. Our new branch at this new location will certainly act as a driving force to bring us close to competitiveness clusters in the region such as Pégase, dedicated to aeronautics.

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