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BAE systems certifies Swissmetal alloys for the aircraft industry

Swissmetal has received approval as a certified supplier to BAE Systems Regional Aircraft, Great Britain. BAE Systems is the third largest global group in the defence industry. This is the first accreditation received by Swissmetal for products supplied to the aircraft industry. Swissmetal products are currently in use in the aircraft maintenance and repair programme, as well as in their modernisation.

BAE Systems Regional Aircraft procures Swissmetal alloys in the form of high-tech finished products supplied by Swissmetal customers. This certification provides customers with assurance that they have found in Swissmetal a reliable partner for future projects in the aerospace industry. For Swissmetal, this constitutes a step in the direction of speciality products. It opens up further market potentials and underlines the logical continuation of the organisation's strategic objectives.

Swissmetal produces and sells worldwide high-quality special products made of copper and copper alloys which are mainly used in the electronics, telecommunications, air travel, petroleum, automobile, stationery and watch/clock industries and in the architectural sector. In financial year 2007, Swissmetal achieved turnover of CHF 407.0 million. As at end of August 2008, the company had 693 full time-employees. Swissmetal, with its registered office in Dornach (Switzerland) is quoted on the SWX Swiss Exchange as Swissmetal Holding AG.

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