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Messier-Dowty Builds Landing Gear Components for Aircraft using a Special Alloy from Swissmetal

Messier-Dowty, the largest manufacturer of landing gear in the world and part of the Safran Group, approved the special alloy CN8 of Swissmetal for the construction of secure aircraft landing gears. Landing gears from Messier-Dowty are used in airliners by Boeing (Boeing 787), Airbus (various models), and other renowned manufacturers. The certification was granted following a thorough qualification process that comprised a plethora of different tests.

Swissmetal 2008 already received approval for components from the defence company BAE Systems. As such, the current certification represents a further step towards the sectors (aerospace, oil industry) of strategic importance to Swissmetal for its high-strength special alloys. Further accounts of qualification processes are expected within the next few months.

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 Dezember 2008, the company had 685 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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