



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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**-.Fifteen Andalusian companies of the HÉLICE Cluster have received direct orders from Airbus Military, although the works of A400M have indirectly benefited more than 63% of the Andalusian auxiliary industry, that is to say, 75 firms.**

**-.The Andalusian aerospace industry is aware of the historical opportunity that it means the assembly of A400M in Seville in order to grow and increase its role in the main European aeronautical programmes, as well as in other emerging markets**

**Seville, September 27<sup>th</sup> 2013.-** The beginning of the A400M mass production has already generated a work for Andalusian firms valued at more than €130 million, according to data by the HÉLICE Andalusian Aerospace Cluster , which estimates that in the next 20 years, after the delivery of orders already agreed by seven European countries, the Programme will generate a turnover of €4,400 million to the Andalusian auxiliary industry. Just the Final Assembly Line (FAL) has meant an investment of more than €400 million and a direct subcontracting of €180 million to the Andalusian aeronautical auxiliary industry.

Fifteen Andalusian firms of the HÉLICE Cluster have received direct orders from Airbus Military, although the works of A400M have indirectly benefited more than 63% of the Andalusian auxiliary industry, composed of 120 companies. The main entities of the Hélice Cluster involved in the A400M have been Aeroestructuras Sevilla, Aertec, Airgrup, AyG Sevilla, Elimco, Galvatec, Industria Siderometalúrgica Giennense, Inespasa, MDU, Navair, Alestis Aerospace, Sevilla Control, UMI Aeronáutica, Carbuces and Mecatecnic.



The HÉLICE Cluster -which Board of Trustees gets together the main institutional and industrial agents of the Andalusian aerospace industry and which has a Board of Business Action currently composed of 43 firms- has valued very positively this Andalusian participation in the A400M and it has remarked the opportunities of growth that it means for the coming years, with the arrival of the stage of full production performance.

The president of the Andalusian aeronautic cluster, Juan Pedro Vela, considers that the delivery ceremony of the first order to France by Airbus Military, will be a “historical moment” for the Andalusian aerospace industry and that it must be a stimulus for companies so that they will be conscious of the outstanding opportunity that it means the assembly of A400M in Andalusia. “We must take advantage of the boost of the A400M and other civil programmes of Airbus, where we also have a great participation in order to access to new international markets, to reach agreements with other main manufacturers and to increase our specialization, competitiveness and technological capacity”, remarked Juan Pedro Vela.

The president of the HÉLICE Cluster believes that the positive growth data of the Andalusian aerospace industry in the last years –which were backed up in 2012 by a particular increase in the auxiliary industry (+14%)- will continue during 2013, fostered by the greatest works related to the first deliveries of A400M and the assembly of the first units of the A350 programmes, an aircraft that achieved its inaugural flight last June.

<b>Main companies of the HÉLICE cluster directly involved in the A400M Programme</b>	
<b>Company</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Aeroestructuras Sevilla	Subassembly for CTRM
Aertec	FAL Industrial and Logistic Organization External Logistic Centre Design FAL Master Planning and CDBT Flap Support Fairings First supplier of AIRCRAFT INTERFACE MODULES
Airgrup	Hydraulic parts of the engine external equipment
AyG Sevilla	Airbus Military Logistic Centre
Elimco	Automatic test systems for the FAL
Galvatec	Paintwork and application of sealants on the flap fairings

Industria Siderometalúrgica Giennense	Revision operations, drills, surfacing machines
INESPASA	Design, manufacturing and assembly of wings static test tools for A400M
MDU	Test bench Development of AIMS of A400M FAL Specification of testing systems
Navair	Study and design of production tools for FAL A400M Study of the defence system of A400M (LER)
Alestis	Around 200 pieces of carbon fibre of the rudder, including covering, side rails, etc. 45 common elements of capots of 4 engines
Sevilla Control	Components of the power plant

Other companies of the Andalusian aerospace industry with recurring works within the A400M programme, as well as those already mentioned, are Carbures (manufacture of carbon fibre elements and pieces), UMI Aeronáutica (components for the horizontal tail plane, wing test tooling and combustible test station), and Mecatecnic (edging of pieces in carbon fibre).

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