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François Lepot has been appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of Safran Aero Boosters

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François Lepot has been appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of Safran Aero Boosters with effect from February 2019, as Yves Prete leaves for retirement.

François Lepot began his career in 1992 at steel makers Cockerill-Sambre as manufacturing process engineer.

He went on to join Techspace Aero¹ in 1993 as an engineer in the Research Department. In 1995 he took up the role of Project Manager on the development of the CFM56-7 of CFM International² and then is on secondment to General Electric and Snecma. In 1998, he became Technical Brand Manager for the General Electric and Pratt & Whitney engine programs. In 2000, he took on responsibility for a production unit. In 2006, he became Senior Vice President, Operations in charge of production, supply chain and investments.

François Lepot, 49, graduated from the University of Liège in 1992 with a degree in civil electromechanical engineering, specializing in aerospace engineering.

Safran is an international high-technology group, operating in the aircraft propulsion and equipment, space and defense markets. Safran has a global presence, with more than 58,000 employees and sales of 16.5 billion euros in 2017. Safran is listed on the Euronext Paris stock exchange, and is part of the CAC 40 and Euro Stoxx 50 indices. Including Zodiac Aerospace, acquired by Safran in February 2018, the Group has over 91,000 employees and would have around €21 billion in adjusted revenues (pro forma 2016).

Safran Aero Boosters designs, develops and produces low-pressure compressors, as well as equipment and test cells for aircraft and rocket engines. The company's equips most current commercial airplanes, as well as Europe's Ariane launch vehicle.

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² CFM International is a 50/50 joint company between GE and Safran Aircraft Engines.