

L PRESS RELEASE**Safran announces construction of a new Research and Development Center for aircraft transmission systems**

Sędziszów Małopolski, December 6, 2019 Safran Transmission Systems Poland announced the construction work on its future research and development center to design and test innovative concepts of aircraft accessory and transfer gearboxes. The investment project is being implemented with the support of EU funds and a co-financing agreement signed on December 6, 2019 at the Ministry of Funds and Regional Policy.

The financing agreement was signed at the Ministry of Funds and Regional Policy by Małgorzata Szczepańska, Director of the Department for Innovation and Development Support Programmes and Jan Sawicki, President of Safran Transmission Systems Poland.

Safran constantly works on developing innovative solutions to strengthen its market position and meets clients' needs. The new Research and Development Center will be established on the premises of Safran's Polish facility to support that goal. It will be used to design and test new architectures and new components for aircraft transmission systems. In addition, two Polish universities, Rzeszów University of Technology and the Silesian University of Technology, will work with Safran Transmission Systems Poland as partners and will participate in launching the Center.

The R&D Center construction works will start on March 2020 with an expected end-date by April 2021. Dozens of highly qualified design engineers will find employment at the new facility.

"Establishing the new Research and Development Center is yet another developmental milestone for Safran Transmission Systems Poland. We have been improving our production skills for almost 20 years and have now matured enough to start the next ambitious stage and add this forward-looking project to our core business. We are building a center of modern technological thought, and it will allow us to support the innovation effort made by Safran", Jan Sawicki, President of Safran Transmission Systems Poland, said.



Safran is an international high-technology group, operating in the aviation (propulsion, equipment and interiors), defense and space markets. Safran has a global presence, with more than 95,000 employees and sales of 21 billion euros in 2018. Working alone or in partnership, Safran holds world or European leadership positions in its core markets. Safran undertakes research and development programs to meet fast-changing market requirements, with total R&D expenditures of around 1.5 billion euros in 2018.

Safran Transmission Systems is the world's leading supplier of mechanical power transmission systems for both commercial and military aircraft. With some 40,000 delivered to date, the company holds 60% of the global market for mainline commercial jets (over 100 seats).

Safran Transmission Systems Poland specialises in manufacturing and assembling high-tech components for aircraft jet engines mounted by world's leading airliner manufacturers in their latest products. The most important items in the Safran Transmission Systems Poland's offer are complete transmissions for Boeing 737 and Airbus A320 aeroplanes. The plant in Świdziszów also produces engine components for CFM56, Genx, and GP7000 engines, with the offer extended recently by parts for the leading-edge LEAP family engines. Świdziszów also produces engine components for CFM56, Genx, and GP7000 engines, with the offer extended recently by parts for the leading-edge LEAP family engines.

The Polish plant operates in Świdziszów Małopolski for 19 years now and currently employs nearly 800 people. Świdziszów Małopolski for 19 years now and currently employs nearly 800 people. łopolski for 19 years now and currently employs nearly 800 people.

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