

News Release

AIR FRANCE TO SUPPORT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SAFRAN/HONEYWELL ELECTRIC GREEN TAXIING SYSTEM

PARIS AIR SHOW, June 17, 2013 – Honeywell (NYSE: HON) and Safran (NYSE Euronext Paris: SAF) announced today that they are extending their collaboration on the development of the new electric green taxiing system (EGTS) to include Air France. The MOU signed today will enable Air France to analyze the potential technical, operational and financial benefits of the EGTS. In turn, Air France will provide valuable assistance to Safran and Honeywell in refining estimated savings of the system and quantifying other operational benefits.

Air France's aircraft utilize a number of heavily used airports, and the EGTS can provide a decisive economic advantage at these airports, while also reducing emissions and noise in the terminal environment. From early analysis Air France expects to save the equivalent of several per cent fuel burn per cycle based on its current operations, for its fleet of 120 plus short and medium range aircraft.

Thanks to these substantial fuel savings, a single aisle aircraft equipped with the EGTS system also reduces NOx emissions by approximately 50 per cent and carbon emissions by approximately 75 per cent during taxiing maneuvers. Honeywell and Safran are targeting EGTS entry into service on new aircraft in 2016, shortly followed by a retrofit option on existing aircraft.

The EGTS allows aircraft to taxi without requiring the use of aircraft engines by using the Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) generator to power motors in the main wheels. Each of the aircraft's powered wheels is equipped with an electromechanical actuator, while unique power electronics and system controllers give pilots total control of the aircraft's speed, direction and braking during taxi operations. The system would therefore reduce, if not remove altogether, the need for aircraft ground equipment to manoeuvre aircraft in and out of stands.

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Supporting Quotes

- **Bruno Delile, Senior Vice President, New Aircraft & Corporate Fleet Planning**

"At Air France we are particularly conscious about energy efficiency. With the electric green taxiing system, we aim to reduce our fleet's carbon footprint at airports, while also decreasing noise and useless fuel consumption."

- **Brian Wenig, EGTS Program Vice President, Honeywell Aerospace**

"Having major international carriers such as Air France join us in maturing EGTS is very important -- as with the rest of our portfolios voice of the customer feedback plays a very significant part in our product development process, ensuring that when we bring the system to market end customers already recognize it as a viable system for dramatically reducing fuel consumption and lowering operational costs."

- **Olivier Savin, EGTS Program Vice President, Safran**

"Air France has just joined the list of airlines that have expressed a keen interest in our electric green taxiing system, not only in the forward fit option for future aircraft, but also the retrofit option for its existing single aisle fleet."

Supporting Resources

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