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## Press Release

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### **Fokker Elmo opens its new manufacturing facility in Izmir, Turkey**

**Fokker Elmo, a division of Stork Aerospace, has officially opened its new wiring systems facility during the Global Aerospace Conference currently taking place in Izmir and in the presence of Defence Undersecretary Bayar. The facility, which was announced in Ankara one year ago is located in the Aegean Free Zone in Izmir and will manufacture aircraft and aircraft engine wiring systems for Fokker Elmo customers such as Boeing, EADS/Airbus, Lockheed Martin and Agusta-Westland. The new facility is now AS9100 certified and is starting customer deliveries. The operation is expected to grow to 300-500 employees within five years.**

The Aegean Free Zone in Izmir was chosen because of the good conditions that exist for international companies in terms of business development, human resources, and environment. Also the support from the Under Secretariat for Defence (SSM) has been a stimulating factor for the establishment of this long-term operation in Turkey. Fokker Elmo customers Boeing, EADS/Airbus and Lockheed Martin were closely involved and supportive from the start of this project.

Fokker Elmo is a Stork Aerospace operating company and internationally recognized as a prime specialist in electrical interconnection systems for aircraft and aircraft engines. The company holds a number two market position. The Izmir Facility is the fourth operation of Fokker Elmo, the company already owns factories in The Netherlands, China and the USA.

Jan Lagasse, Managing Director of Fokker Elmo, said: *"A tremendous performance has been achieved by a large multidisciplinary Fokker Elmo team from Turkey and from the Netherlands, to industrialise this new facility and accomplish AS9100 certification with a 100% score. Obviously our team could not have achieved this without the ongoing support of ESBAS, SSM and our customers Boeing, EADS and Lockheed Martin. We now look forward to apply our proven business model to our Turkish facility. We are confident that with the expanded global footprint and the use of our unique Wiring Design and Manufacturing System we will be able to even serve our aerospace and defence customers even better."*

Stork Aerospace develops and produces advanced structures and electrical systems for the aerospace industry, and supplies integrated maintenance services and products to aircraft owners and operators. In 2007 the group achieved a turnover of € 550 million with over 3,600 employees out of the total Stork turnover of € 2 billion.

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