

Premium AEROTEC makes its 7,000th delivery for the Airbus A320 family

Augsburg/Nordenham, 23 November 2015 – With the delivery of its 7,000th shipset for an aircraft in the A320 family, Premium AEROTEC underlines its importance as a major supplier for Airbus. The complex components have been manufactured at the company's sites for more than 30 years.

The largest of the shells produced in Nordenham is the so-called super shell for fuselage section 17. The component achieves its maximum dimensions in the part for the A321: the super shell is around nine metres in length, almost four metres across (chord dimension) and weighs around 500 kilogrammes. Once production and assembly have been completed at Nordenham, the shells are ready to be built into the aircraft – in other words the surface has been fully prepared and they are equipped with integrated frames for luggage and cargo doors. Together with two additional side shells from the same fuselage section they are then delivered by road to Airbus in Hamburg for assembly into the fuselage.

"We want to strengthen and expand our position as one of the world's leading suppliers for aircraft fuselage structures. Continuous high quality performance such as that demonstrated in the A320 programme is our best reference," said Dr. Thomas Ehm, Chairman of the Executive Board at Premium AEROTEC. "Successes like these rely on the skill of our employees and require continuous innovative ability. Only in this way can we stay on top of increasing production rates and the constantly required technical developments."

From 2017 Premium AEROTEC will build an even bigger super shell for the revised version of the A321 at its Nordenham site. In this version the component will reach a length of up to twelve metres – the largest metal aircraft component ever to be built in Nordenham.

In addition to this super shell and other large parts of the fuselage shell (sections 15 and 17), Premium AEROTEC is also responsible for the production, assembly and equipping of the entire section 19 for the A320 at its Augsburg site. This extends from the rear of the passenger cabin to the start of the fuselage tail cone. Section 19 contains the connection points for the fin and tailplane. The structure is fully assembled and fitted with the system components in Augsburg.

Premium AEROTEC generated revenues of around 1.9 billion euros in 2014. The company's core business lies in the development and production of metal and carbon fibre composite aircraft structures. The company has manufacturing sites in Augsburg, Bremen, Nordenham and Varel in Germany, as well as in Braşov in Romania. For further information see: www.premium-aerotec.com.

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