

## **Support for Standardizing Environmental Requirements for the Aerospace Industry is Gaining Momentum**

**March 8, 2012 (Seville, Spain)** – When the eleven founding members of the International Aerospace Environmental Group (IAEG) conduct their first annual meeting, they will be joined by several new members. IAEG was officially formed in June 2011. Since the group's inception, nine additional aerospace companies have applied for membership.

“We formed this group to serve as a forum for aerospace companies and their suppliers to discuss and troubleshoot approaches to implementing environmental requirements.” said Christer Hellstrand, IAEG chairman and Boeing director of Environment, Health and Safety. “Our growing membership affirms that there's a significant need in the aerospace industry for voluntary consensus standards addressing issues such as chemical reporting requirements”, added Mr. Hellstrand.

Although the IAEG was only recently formed, it has already created a workgroup to address this very issue. The growth of environmental regulations has increased work and costs for the aerospace industry and its supply chain as it tries to support different chemical declarations and reporting requirements. The workgroup is tasked with developing a standardized approach that aerospace companies can use when requesting chemical information from their suppliers.

At the IAEG annual meeting, members will hear about similar groups from different industries including the European Automobile Manufacturers' Association (ACEA), the Electronics Industry Citizen Coalition (EICC), the railway association (UNIFE) and the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP). All have worked to drive down the complexity levied on their supply chain by buyers seeking to meet the differing environmental regulations in place around the globe.

“We are excited that these new members have joined forces with IAEG's founding members to work on offering a solution to the complexity and variability of the environmental information and requirements impacting the aerospace industry worldwide” said Bruno Costes, PhD, IAEG vice chairman and Director International Environmental Affairs at Airbus.

IAEG's eleven founding members are: Airbus and EADS, Boeing, Bombardier Aerospace, Dassault Aviation, Embraer, GE Aviation, Northrop Grumman, Rolls- Royce, SAFRAN, United Technologies Corp., and Zodiac Aerospace.

Companies active in the aerospace industry are eligible for IAEG membership.

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