SLCA receives award for excellence in aeronautics composites

Florange, France, March 10, 2009 – The composites expertise of Aircelle’s SLCA subsidiary has been recognized with an award presented at the recent Infusion 2009 international symposium in France.

This honor recognized SLCA’s leadership in French national cooperative efforts, and was presented to the company for its management of two collaborative projects: CAPSAIRTM and COMAC. The CAPSAIRTM effort is focused on the development of resin infusion techniques for the creation of complex parts, while the COMAC project is designed to optimize inspection techniques for composite aerostructures using a transportable, non-destructive optical test system.

“Cooperation is often the key to success in a state-of-the-art sector such as composites, and SLCA is pleased to have been recognized for its role in the CAPSAIRTM and COMAC projects – which bring together the resources of companies, universities and laboratories,” explained SLCA President Laurent Schneider-Maunoury.

SLCA’s award was presented by the PPE (Pôle de Plasturgie de l’Est), an international technology transfer center located in eastern France. The recognition was bestowed during the Infusion 2009 symposium in Saint-Avold, and was judged by a committee of representatives from both the industrial and scientific sectors.

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About SLCA

An industrial expert in composite materials for 30 years, SLCA is a partner with the industry’s major aerospace players. Its business line focuses on the project management, design and manufacturing of complex composite aerostructures, such as the ventral fairing for Airbus A330/340s and engine cowls for Eurocopter NH90 helicopters. SLCA’s head office and production facility is located in Florange, France, and the company has a second site at Plaisir in the Paris region, for general management as well as its engineering, sales and purchasing functions.

About Aircelle
Aircelle is one of the leading players in the worldwide nacelle market for aircraft engines. A member of the SAFRAN group, it employs approximately 3,500 persons at seven sites in France, the United Kingdom and Morocco. Aircelle is the only nacelle manufacturer present on all the market segments, from regional jets and corporate aircraft to the largest airliners.