

Airbus Awards Multi-Million Dollar Contract to Flow International Corporation

Bretten, July 3rd, 2008 - Flow International Corporation, Kent, WA, USA (NASDAQ: FLOW), the world's leading developer and manufacturer of industrial waterjet machines for cutting and cleaning applications, announced that Airbus has awarded Flow all of its multi-million dollar contract to manufacture and install multiple Composite Machining Center (CMC) abrasive waterjet and routing machine tool systems. These machines will be built and installed over the next 18 to 24 months for use in manufacturing the new Airbus A350 XWB (Xtra Wide-Body) aircraft.

Airbus, which already has several Flow waterjet systems in production, awarded the entire order to Flow based on the company's long history and demonstrated leadership developing and supporting abrasive waterjet cutting systems for major composites programs.

Airbus will use Flow's CMC waterjet systems throughout all its plants across Europe to cut and trim the wings, fuselage, wing spars, keel beam, and other parts on the A350 XWB, which is Airbus' response to market demand for a medium capacity long range wide-body family. The A350 XWB is an efficient structure because of a design concept that uses more than 60 percent new materials in the aircraft's airframe, all chosen for their superior weight and strength properties. Flow's waterjets lead the industry in cutting these state-of-the-art carbon-fiber materials

"Waterjets have become the standard for meeting the aerospace industry's production requirements, and Flow is uniquely positioned to serve this segment through our deep experience and innovative technology," said Charley Brown, president and CEO, Flow International. "We are pleased Airbus selected Flow as the only provider of waterjet Composite Machining Centers and that our technology was chosen over other traditional and non-traditional machining processes for use on the A350 XWB. Engineering and manufacturing for these products will take place in our recently announced Advanced Systems Technology and Manufacturing Center which is an expansion of our Jeffersonville, Indiana facility."

Picture 1 High quality cutting edge thanks to a faster waterjet

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With more than 30 years of experience and more than 10,000 installations Flow is the world market leader in the development, design, and sales of ultrahigh-pressure pumps and complete waterjet and abrasivejet cutting systems for processing a wide variety of materials.

Flow Europe is a subsidiary of Flow International Corporation, USA, and European Headquarters for all products relating to ultrahigh-pressure waterjet cutting technology. Flow Europe has subsidiaries in Czech Republic, France, Italy, Spain and the UK.

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