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ANTOINE BOUVIER ELECTED TO THE COUNCIL OF ASD

Antoine Bouvier, CEO of MBDA, has been invited to join the Council of ASD (AeroSpace and Defence Industries Association of Europe) following his election during a recent ASD convention held in Paris on 9th and 10th October, 2008.

During the same convention Allan Cook (Chief Executive of Cobham plc) was elected as the new Chairman of the Association.

Antoine Bouvier's election to the ASD Council comes a few months after MBDA opened its representative office in Brussels which it did to position itself closer to NATO's European institutions.

Referring to his election, Antoine Bouvier said: "I hope to be able to bring to ASD and thereby the wider industrial community the experience gained by MBDA since its formation seven years ago in establishing and carrying out the international cooperation that is essential for European national sovereignty".

Located in Brussels, ASD is an association representing the interests of the aeronautics, defence and space industries at a European level. ASD brings together 30 associations from across 20 European countries and represents more than 2,000 companies as well as 80,000 suppliers.

Notes to editors

With an annual turnover of €3 billion, a forward order book of €13 billion and over 70 customers worldwide, MBDA is a world leading, global missile systems company. MBDA currently has 45 missile system and countermeasure programmes in operational service and has proven its ability as prime contractor to head major multi-national projects.

MBDA is jointly owned by BAE SYSTEMS (37.5%), EADS (37.5%) and FINMECCANICA (25%).

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