
The implementation of NIMROD Group new industrial facility in Poland is on track, with a start of production at AZURA POLSKA still scheduled for the first quarter of 2016.

- The new facility will support the ramp-up of the Airbus A350 with the production of sheet metal parts for **STELIA Aerospace**
- **AZURA POLSKA** is located at ul. Nowy Józefów 64E, 94-406 Łódź
- Recruitment is on-going, led by newly appointed Chief Operating Officer **Krzysztof Kusiak**
- **NIMROD Group** continues to support the industrial strategy of **Airbus Group** in Poland

Łódź, Poland, December 22nd 2015 – After the official launch of **AZURA POLSKA** announced on September 1st 2015 in Kielce, during the MSPO air show, by Eddy Ephrati, President of **NIMROD Group**, this most recent addition to the fast-expanding French aerospace company is now becoming reality in Łódź.

During the joint press conference at MSPO where **AZURA POLSKA** was formally announced, Sebastian Magadzio, President of **Airbus Group Polska**, reminded that: *“NIMROD Group was the first supplier to answer our call to join the Airbus Group long term industrial strategy in Poland, an invitation made 3 years ago when the H225M Caracal was first offered to the MoD”*. Poland is set to become the 5th industrial base of the **Airbus Group** in Europe.

Krzysztof Kusiak is a graduate from the Lublin Technical University, with a strong career background in the aerospace and automotive industries, where he successfully fulfilled various management positions in the production, quality, and logistics areas. After many years spent working at PZL Świdnik, **Krzysztof** is now relocating his family from Lublin to Łódź, where he should be followed by many other young and skilled recruits also coming from the Aviation Valley to the Łódź area.

Candidates can apply to open administrative, production, and support positions by logging on the **AZURA POLSKA** website @ <http://www.nimrod-group.com/pl/azura-polska-3/kontakt/> or on "Pracuj.pl" @ <http://www.pracuj.pl/praca/Azura%20Polska%20Sp.%20z%20o.o.;kw>.

This first multi-year contract awarded by **STELIA Aerospace** represents around 3 million production man-hours, thus securing stable and high-tech positions at **AZURA POLSKA** until at least 2024. Beyond this first A350 package, **AZURA POLSKA** is pursuing other OEMs' work-packages currently under final negotiation which will create between 200 and 300 new direct jobs in Łódź within the next 3 years.

An initial one-million euros investment at **AZURA POLSKA** has already been committed, including a state-of-the-art CMS high-speed 3-axis, double spindle, contouring, milling & drilling CNC, as well as the local procurement from TRUMPF Polska of no less than 4 “TruBend 7036” 6-axis CNC breaking press of the latest generation, the first ones being installed at **AZURA POLSKA** in January 2016. This sizeable investment echoes the trademark of the **NIMROD Group**, built around innovative technologies and automation.

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About NIMROD Group (www.nimrod-group.com)

NIMROD Group is a fairly recent player in the aerospace industry, mostly recognized through its legacy business units, **ESM** and **Detampel**, created in the 60s. The group has enjoyed a strong growth in the recent past, built upon a solid technological expertise and unmatched performance.

Both **ESM** and **Detampel** have received best supplier awards from, respectively, Dassault Aviation and Airbus Helicopters. **Detampel** specializes in complex sheet metal work with core competencies in exhaust nozzles and heat exchangers. **ESM** produces high-volume elementary and standard parts, mainly for Falcon, Rafale, and Airbus aircraft.

NIMROD Group has embarked into an aggressive growth strategy which will make it clear the mid-cap company thresholds (250 headcount – 50 M€ turnover) within the next 3 years:

- In 2013, a 3rd business unit joined the group, **Aeroset**, spun off from **ESM** and specializing in component and structural assembly, while **ESM** keeps focusing on high-volume production of elementary and detail parts.
- In 2014, the group added **Aerolyce**, a green-field project specializing in surface treatment and painting.
- In 2015, **NIMROD Group** acquired **DJP**, a company specializing in highly innovative composite technologies based on 3D-interlock braiding of composite fibers.
- In 2016, the first A350 parts will be shipped from Poland by **AZURA POLSKA** to its launch customer, **STELIA Aerospace**.



Azura Polska facility in Łódź



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