
NIMROD Group inaugurates its sixth business unit, AZURA POLSKA, under the patronage of the City of Łódź:

- Less than 6 months after its official launch at MSPO - Kielce, on September 1st, 2015, **NIMROD Group** cuts the ribbon at its new production facility in Łódź, **AZURA POLSKA**
- Production of sheet metal parts will be dedicated to the execution of a \$45M contract with **STELIA Aerospace** to support the ramp-up of the Airbus A350 new family of wide body aircraft
- With follow-on contracts, headcount is expected to grow rapidly
- **NIMROD Group** continues to support the industrial strategy of **Airbus Group** in Poland

Łódź, Poland, February 25th, 2016 – Following the official launch of **AZURA POLSKA** announced on September 1st, 2015 in Kielce, during the MSPO air show, Eddy Ephrati, President of **NIMROD Group**, is proud to celebrate this ribbon cutting ceremony in the presence of Ms. Hanna Zdanowska, Mayor of Łódź, representatives of **Airbus Group**, and the new employees of **AZURA POLSKA**.

This most recent addition to **NIMROD Group**, a fast-expanding French aerospace company, is now starting initial production of metallic components to be installed on the Airbus A350 XWB family (Extra Wide Body). With more than 700 A350 ordered so far, **STELIA Aerospace** and **Airbus Group** cooperation with **AZURA POLSKA** will bring Polish manufacturing into every single Airbus A350 XWB, one of the most successful aircraft of the new generation.

The local production in Łódź will expand the already existing production capabilities of **NIMROD Group** in France. When production is in full swing, this first contract will ship no less than 44,000 parts per month. Between 80% and 90% of such production output will come from **AZURA POLSKA** in Łódź.

The 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.

New jobs created at **AZURA POLSKA** will be distributed across industrialization, sheet metal parts production, component and structural assembly, surface treatment & painting, support and services, with a prime focus on innovative technologies and automation, the trademarks of **NIMROD Group**.

Beyond this first contract, **AZURA POLSKA** is already looking at expanding its local capabilities in the fields of machining, composite, and surface treatment for its key customers and especially for **Airbus Helicopters** which has already stated its willingness to make Łódź its helicopter hub in Poland.

Recruiting is on-going, and 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>.

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

NIMROD Group is a growing 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 expansion 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, **AEROSSET**, 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 are shipped from Poland by **AZURA POLSKA** to its launch customer, **STELIA Aerospace**.



Azura Polska facility in Łódź



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