

Aero Sekur establishes UK base at Harwell



Aero Sekur, a specialist in aerospace and defence sector products, is expanding its UK presence with offices at the Harwell Science and Innovation Campus. Investment in facilities at the International Space Innovation Centre, as part of a co-location with ESA, will strengthen the company's position as an Anglo-Italian brand. Reinforcing commitment to the UK, and timed to coincide with the purchase of offices, a new company Aero Sekur Space and Defence Systems Ltd has also been formed.

The Harwell offices for Aero Sekur will house an initial four newly recruited commercial and engineering employees. The investment supports European growth for the company and preparation for introduction of UK Aero Sekur production facilities, planned for 2010. Employing 172 people, Aero Sekur's main 150,000 sq ft production premises are located 30 miles South of Rome. Prime production will continue in Italy and longer term plans include investment in UK manufacturing facilities to support specific local requirements.

Commenting on Aero Sekur's expansion at Harwell, CEO Mark Butler said:

"We operate in specialist markets producing safety systems and advanced flexible structures. The space industry is a key area of expertise and current Aero Sekur projects include a re-entry module, space agriculture solutions and work as part of the ESA ExoMars programme. We have a highly dynamic and innovative development philosophy and there are strong synergies with the culture at Harwell, which acts as an innovation hub for the UK's space programme.

"Aero Sekur has established relationships with the BNSC and the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory. As both organisations are represented at Harwell, our move to the site will strengthen our partnerships with these organisations and build our presence within the UK's space community."

Aero Sekur recognises that basing its new UK company at Harwell will also develop relationships with academia, Government and industry, thereby helping to strengthen the UK's international reputation as technology leaders.

Alongside the company's space sector projects, Aero Sekur's established defence sector portfolio, which will also be promoted at Harwell, includes respirators and masks, CBRN protective suits, protected environmental structures, collective filtration systems and advanced combat clothing.

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