

### **Liebherr-Aerospace Opens Its New Facility in Saline, Michigan (USA) and Adds New Repair Capability**

**April 2016 – On April 21, 2016 Liebherr-Aerospace Saline, Inc. inaugurated its new facility on its site in Saline, Michigan (USA). Local officials as well as representatives of the Liebherr-Aerospace & Transportation SAS Management attended the celebrations.**

The building was constructed adjacent to the existing 140,000 sq ft facility of Liebherr-Aerospace Saline, Inc. It is the first industrial utilization of the 54 ac. parcel of land Liebherr acquired in 2008 in addition to the initial 14 ac. lot.

With this new 35,000 sq ft facility, Liebherr-Aerospace Saline, Inc. will expand its activities in the light manufacturing sector and build abilities to repair heat exchangers.

Charles Thoyer-Rozat, Executive Vice President Customer Support & Services Aerospace of Liebherr-Aerospace & Transportation SAS, said: "Our ability to re-core heat exchangers is a substantial addition to our repair capabilities in the United States. Linked with a pool of serviceable exchange units, it complements very effectively our worldwide service network for the benefit of our customers."

"We have researched the latest and most advanced of manufacturing technologies such as robotic assisted welding as well as 3D non-contact metrology inspections and adapted these for implementation in our heat exchanger re-core shop. Liebherr's design and manufacturing experience in combination with our servicing expertise will provide our customer base with a superior alternative to the maintenance of their equipment", added Alex Vlieland, President Liebherr-Aerospace Saline, Inc.

The company, which came into operation in 1991, supports customers in the Americas in the fields of sales, inventory, maintenance, repair, overhaul and technical services for air management systems, flight control and actuation systems as well as landing gear systems. Moreover, Liebherr-Aerospace Saline, Inc. assembles flight control components.

For equipment the company has no in-country service capability, it performs a liaison function between the customer and Liebherr's Original Equipment Manufacturers in Europe, Liebherr-Aerospace Toulouse SAS, (Toulouse, France) and Liebherr-Aerospace Lindenberg GmbH (Lindenberg, Germany), including exchanges and repair management.

### **Liebherr-Aerospace is a leading supplier of systems for the aviation industry**

Liebherr-Aerospace & Transportation SAS, Toulouse (France), is one of eleven divisional control companies within the Liebherr Group and coordinates all activities in the aerospace and transportation systems sectors.

Liebherr-Aerospace is a leading supplier of systems for the aviation industry and has more than five decades of experience in this field. The range of aviation equipment produced by Liebherr for the civil and military sectors includes flight control and actuation systems, landing gear and air management systems as well as gears and gearboxes. These systems are deployed in wide-bodied aircraft, single aisle and regional aircraft, business jets, combat aircraft, military transporters, military training aircraft, civil helicopters and combat helicopters.

Liebherr's aerospace and transportation systems division employs around 4,900 people. It has four aviation equipment production plants at Lindenberg (Germany), Toulouse (France), Guaratinguetá (Brazil) and Nizhny Novgorod (Russia). These production sites offer a worldwide service with additional customer service centers in Saline (Michigan/USA), Seattle (Washington/USA), Montreal (Canada), Hamburg (Germany), Moscow (Russia), Dubai (UAE), Singapore and Shanghai (People's Republic of China).

### **Captions**

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The new facility of Liebherr-Aerospace Saline, Inc., Saline, Michigan (USA)

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From left to right:

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Josef Gropper, Managing Director & Chief Operating Officer Production, Purchasing and Asset Investments, Liebherr-Aerospace & Transportation SAS,

Alex Vlieland, President, Liebherr-Aerospace Saline, Inc.

Gretchen Driskell, State Representative,

Philipp Liebherr,

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