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A passion for high technology

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With the Paris Air Show just opening its doors, this is an ideal time to talk about the aerospace industry in general, and about Safran in particular. Developments during the first half of the year show that aerospace markets are in very good health indeed. Following our record engine

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deliveries last year, we have already logged a large number of orders during the first half of 2007. Whether for propulsion, equipment or the aerospace operations in our Defense Security branch, Safran plants are running at full capacity.

In addition to our robust aerospace business, the Group's other sectors are also chalking up a number of successes, especially in the security market. This dynamic performance is built on a shared passion for high technology throughout Safran. Our strengths and talents are above all anchored in the skills and expertise of the men and women working for Safran around the world.

The Safran Group was established two years ago. We span two different, yet highly complementary spheres of technology – mechanics and electronics – giving us a unique corporate DNA.

Day after day, we build foundations for the future. By this I mean developing new technologies and products, filing for numerous patents, modernizing our production facilities and improving productivity, and of course developing our service business. Working with partners from around the world, in France, Europe, America, Russia, India, China and elsewhere, we will continue to move forward and deliver solutions that satisfy our customers and shareholders.