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editorial

Technological Excellence

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The Safran Supervisory Board named me Chief Executive Officer of the Group in September. I am fully aware of the responsibility this entails in relation to our employees, of course, but also our customers, partners and shareholders – in short, everyone who has a stake in the Safran Group.

My predecessor Jean-Paul Béchat and the people who built the Group have left a considerable legacy. I fully intend to capitalize on this legacy, supported by my team. Our Group is still young, and we are pursuing our development on very solid foundations. We deliver brands that embody quality and trust, products that are often leaders in their market segments,

and technologies that bring us a decisive edge in contract bids. These are the assets that have made Safran a world-class corporation and a benchmark in advanced technologies.

The year is not yet over, but we already know that our results for 2007 will be good. To take just one example, we are logging orders for commercial aircraft engines at an unprecedented

pace. Safran continues to sow other seeds as well, establishing our current position of strength and constructing solid foundations for tomorrow. Building on these achievements, we can look ahead with confidence.

Technological excellence is at the core of our strategy and our corporate culture, and is focused on our customers. This excellence has always been, and will continue to be the key to Safran's development. We are aiming for ambitious, yet balanced growth that meets the expectations of customers and shareholders alike, and allows us to meet our social and environmental commitments as an exemplary corporate citizen.

"We are looking ahead with confidence"

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