# SABENA TECHNICS STRENGTHENS ITS PAINTING DIVISION IN TOULOUSE

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**Only six months after the opening announcement of their third paint shop, Sabena technics has been selected by Airbus for the construction and operation of a fourth painting facility dedicated to Airbus wide body aircraft in Toulouse Blagnac airport.**

**This new facility reinforces Sabena technics' footprint in Toulouse and comes in addition to two facilities in operation since 2015 as well as a third that will be operational by the end of the year.**

**The construction of the 7,000 sqm paint shop will start on October 2018 and will represent over 23M € of investments. The company is looking to hire and train more than 70 people for an operation start-up scheduled by the end of 2019. By the start of 2020, there will be a total of four painting rooms representing approximately 15,000 sqm of surface area and able to accommodate from the ATR to the Airbus A350 aircraft.**

**"This new facility allows us to meet the needs of the manufacturer on additional capacity for its wide body aircraft. We are proud of Airbus' renewed trust and of this new achievement thanks to the hard work and determination of our teams. Within only four years, we have managed to create and develop a real painting hub which will reach a production of about 150 aircraft painted per year starting 2020."**

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- said Philippe Rochet, Chief Operating Officer of Sabena technics.

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