



# NEW SAFRAN PLANT IN INDIA TO MAKE PARTS FOR THE LEAP ENGINE

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During a visit to India for the Aero India Show, Philippe Petitcolin, Chief Executive Officer of Safran, and Shri K.Chandrashekar Rao, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Telangana, announced that Safran Aircraft Engines would build a new plant in Hyderabad to make parts for the LEAP turbofan engine from CFM International<sup>1</sup>.

**Supported by the Telangana State, Safran will invest 36 million euros in this new plant, which will cover 13,000 square meters (140,400 sq ft), including 8,000 square meters (86,400 sq ft) of workshops, in the *Special Economic Zone* of GMR near the airport. Construction is set to kick off in June 2019, and will aim at delivering the building and producing the first parts in early 2020. The plant will have about 50 employees by the end of the year to launch operations, and will reach a workforce of 300. All employees will benefit from a complete training program. The plant will be based on Safran's highest standards for industrial processes and machinery, including real-time monitoring of production parameters, and the latest integrated inspection methods.**

**"We're delighted to open a new chapter in our long history with the Indian aerospace industry, thus reasserting Safran's commitment to our "Make in India" strategy", said Philippe Petitcolin, CEO of Safran. "Aerospace continues to be a significant driver of India's growth, and we want to fully support this dynamic by bolstering our investments and training programs in the country."**

"We are delighted that Safran has selected Hyderabad to establish its Safran Aircraft Engines manufacturing plant, thus joining the league of other global OEMs who are already manufacturing and exporting from Telangana", said Shri K.Chandrashekar Rao, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Telangana. "Aerospace is a focus industrial sector for Telangana and the State government is providing maximum support to encourage the industry".

When the plant hits cruise speed in 2023, it will be able to deliver 15,000 parts per year to support the LEAP's sustained production rate. CFM is set to deliver 1,800 engines this year, rising to 2,000 starting in 2020. The new-generation LEAP entered service in 2016 and powers more than 700 Airbus A320neo and Boeing 737 MAX commercial airliners, including 54 operated by Indian airlines.

Safran has operated in India for some 65 years, and now has over 600 employees at seven companies which provide design, production and support services for aerospace and defense, plus a maintenance training center in Hyderabad for CFM engines. Opened in 2010, this center can train more than 500 technicians a year.

Safran had already announced in 2018 the construction of a Safran Electrical & Power factory to produce LEAP engines harnesses and Rafale fighter electrical wiring interconnections systems. Also located in the *Special Economic Zone*, this 4,000 square meter factory will be delivered by mid-2019 and will have 250 people. Operations have already gotten under way in temporary premises with 33 employees, 19 of whom were technicians identified from the State of Telangana and trained through partnership between Telangana Academy of Skill and Knowledge and Safran Electrical & Power.

With this new Safran Aircraft Engines plant in Hyderabad, Safran is expanding its local footprint, while also leveraging synergies with the Indian aerospace industry.

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