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### ECARYS GmbH enlarges facility to fill big SAFRAN order

**Strausberg, 19 August 2016.** ECARYS GmbH is expanding its Strausberg production facility to fill a large order by SAFRAN for 15 ES15 aircraft. A 100% subsidiary of Stemme AG and headquartered at the Strausberg airfield near Berlin, ECARYS has made space for another 10 to 15 development engineers at the STIC Technology and Startup Centre in Strausberg. The Centre is part of the STIC Economic Promotion Company (STIC) in East Brandenburg whose purpose is to support the economic development of the region, which lies between Berlin and Poland.

#### **ECARYS ramps up for further orders**

As has previously been announced, at the beginning of 2016 SAFRAN and ECARYS GmbH signed an agreement for the manufacture of one prototype and 14 further aircraft of type ES15 as a platform for the further refinement of the SAFRAN Patroller System. This order reinforces a partnership that has existed for 7 years. The basic configuration of the ES15 remains, and will be adapted to the needs of the French military. "We are proud to be able to say that the ES15 has contributed to the success of the Patroller™, and look forward to being a dependable partner for SAFRAN into the future," said Paul Masschelein, CEO of ECARYS GmbH.

The customer's most important criteria in the selection process were the size of the aircraft and a take-off weight of 1100 kg. For SAFRAN Patroller Systems the aircraft will have a higher take-off weight, since the customer wanted modifications to enable at least 20 hours flight time per day. In addition, the expertise of ECARYS GmbH made it possible to design the ES15 carry payloads. Its high efficiency and economy are other key advantages from the point of view of the customer. Furthermore, as a powered glider the aircraft is much quieter than other platforms.

ECARYS has received 17 orders for the ES15 utility aircraft to date in 2016, with more expected.

ECARYS GmbH is currently looking for more engineers for its expanded facility in Strausberg. Applications may be sent to Angela Werner: [A.Werner@stemme.de](mailto:A.Werner@stemme.de)



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### About ECARYS

Since 2014 ECARYS GmbH, a subsidiary of Stemme AG, has sold utility aircraft as platforms for reconnaissance and surveillance purposes. The ES15 utility aircraft was developed by Stemme in cooperation with the Technical University of Dresden. It can be fitted with surveillance equipment to suit the customer and intended mission profile. With its economical overall design, low aerodynamic resistance and correspondingly excellent flight performance, the ES15 is an ideal platform for many purposes.

We will be happy to answer press requests and provide further materials.

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