

Newsletter

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A word from the President

During the second quarter of 2008, SPACE™ has considerably accelerated its performances in 3 principles services: Benchmark, Training and Improvement Projects.


The most significant and visible development is the implementation of our improvement projects. **17 improvement projects have been launched**, and are operated and monitored by qualified experts. Most of the experts are aware of the SPACE™ working spirit and trained with the standard and practical knowledge. SPACE™ recognises that sustainable improvement and development in our Supply Chain community will be primarily achieved by the concurrent improvement of its resources. This will bring the competitiveness in the aeronautical sector to which SPACE™ is committed.

SPACE™ performance will be continually proven and communicated. The more cooperation and collaboration we receive, the stronger we are.

Maurice PERRAULT

New members

Associate members

We proudly welcome **AUBERT & DUVAL**, member of the  metallurgical and mining group ERAMET. AUBERT

& DUVAL designs, produces, processes and markets a vast range of special steels, super alloys, aluminium and titanium alloys. The next newcomer ESKULANAK, subsidiary



of LAUAK Group, division aero structures, is an important producer of parts and subassemblies for aero structures. We also welcome **FIGEAC AERO**, a supplier of aeronautic structural parts: from



small fittings to

large 26-meter length skin panel and engine parts, landing gears, and thrust reversers. We have also the pleasure to welcome our first Italian associate member, **SIRIO PANEL**, which is located in Italy. It supplies control panel-units, keyboards, interior & exterior light system, components for self defence system and tailored equipments.



Honorary members

We officially welcome **EAQG** (European Aerospace Quality Group).

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With the expansion of associate members, we will attain the strong cooperation needed to improve our Supply Chain at foundation level. With the agreement of honorary members, we will support each other in order to reduce redundancy and obtain the ultimate benefits for all members.

Improvement projects

In addition to the 3 pilot projects initiated last year, we have launched 16 new improvement projects. We are in the process of establishing the diagnostics, using the brand new and still in development EAQG tool Supplier Selection and Capability Assessment. For some of these projects we have already launched action plans, which are conducted by staffs of associate members with the support of our experts.

According to the interview with Mr. Jean-Bernard BUISSON, General Director and representative of Selha, he says: *"the successes in Improvement Project initiated last year bring continuous and quality improvement as well as high productivity. We are satisfied by the improvement of manufacturing planning and industrial optimization's tools such as 6sigma, Kaizen etc. Now, Selha is more confident and independent to develop and improve itself"*.

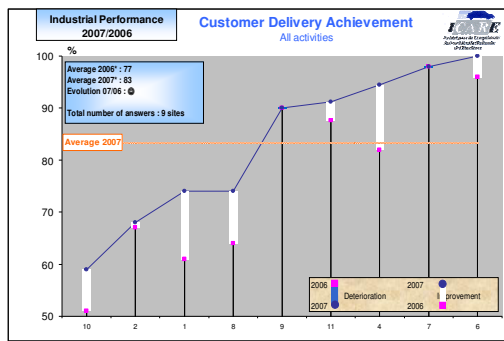
As a newcomer, Sirio Panel, represented by Mr. Andrea Giachi, Operation Director, who

says;”*Sirio Panel has the strong intention to improve the company’s OTD and quality performance. That’s why we have joined SPACE recently. We find that the diagnostic and the action plan proposed by SPACE are efficient and sufficient and we expect for the good result at the end of 2008. We thank for BASICS training opportunity proposed by SPACE”.*

Thanks for the cooperation and opinions that Selha and Sirio Panel shared with our community.

Benchmark

Although it was a pilot, with only 44 selected suppliers, the results of the pilot benchmark have been published. The results are available to all our members. The graph below shows the result on the OTD indicator.



SPACE will launch the global Benchmark in September. Initially, the introduction leaflets will be published and sent to concerned suppliers to let them have a good understanding of our purpose. The suppliers have been classified into 7 commodity categories

- A= Raw material, casting, forging
- B= Machining, mechanical sub assembly
- C= Electromechanical subassemblies
- D=General processes (heat treatment, surface treatment)
- E=Electronics subassemblies
- F=Distributive products (fittings) standard products
- G= Equipments and Systems

Communication plan

SPACE at the International Aerospace Exhibition (ILA) in Berlin on May 28, 2008: SPACE took advantage of this international event to organize a conference, mainly targeted to the BDLI members (German Aerospace Industries Association). The conference focused on SPACE, its objectives, functioning and results. A highlight of the presentations was a

testimonial delivered by Christophe Morel the Purchasing Director of **Tronico**. Christophe emphasized that these



improvements have been achieved in a spirit of real partnership with its customers. SPACE concept to approach a supplier by gathering the need of several of its customers was seen as **very efficient** for Tronico. He summarized: “*SPACE gave Tronico the tools to build its improvement referential for the next few years in line with its strategy*”.

SPACE will be present also in Farborough Air Show on July 17th, to have a common meeting with SBAC SC21.

Training Services

The first SPACE BASICS training have passed well. The voice from participants is ‘this programme about the



fundamentals of the Supply Chain not only consolidates our knowledge but also helps us to communicate with the same standards”. The certification test was taken on June 21st. We wish for a good success to our participants.

The next SPACE BASICS preparation session is now open. It is scheduled on 26 September, 23 October, and 25 November with the examination on 6 December 2008 in Paris. This session is open to all our experts and associate members, and will be organised in French. There are only 15 places available at a positive price. For more details, please contact Chidkae SERVILLE.

In the very near future, we will have an inventory of all training actions available at members’ locations, which could be open to all members (executive and associate members). These training possibilities will be grouped in a catalogue, and available on our website.

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