



**Press Release – To be released on August 21<sup>st</sup> 2019**

## **328 Support Services GmbH & Germany Partner to Form Leipzig-based OEM, DRA GmbH**

328 Support Services GmbH (328SSG) today announced the formation of a new aircraft original equipment manufacturer, **DRA GmbH**, founded on the proud heritage of Dornier and Germany's reputation for engineering design, quality and innovation.

328SSG, a wholly owned subsidiary of Sierra Nevada Corporation (SNC), is the Type Certificate holder of the Dornier 328 aircraft. Representatives of 328SSG, SNC, and the German Federal & State of Saxony ministries, today signed a Memorandum of Understanding to establish DRA GmbH's final assembly line for the *D328NEU*<sup>®</sup> aircraft, a derivative of the Dornier 328, at Leipzig/Halle Airport, in the State of Saxony. The project anticipates creation of up to 250 new jobs at the production facilities in Leipzig, and an additional 100+ jobs at 328SSG's HQ in Oberpfaffenhofen, near Munich.

"Germany's return to the design and building of a Part 25 category commercial aircraft is long overdue and the new operation intends to create an aviation legacy founded on the heritage of aircraft pioneers," commented Dave Jackson, managing director of 328SSG. "The expansion of our locations in Germany and the formation of DRA GmbH, a new dedicated OEM, will enable us to manage future developments of the D328NEU aircraft and exploit future technologies and capabilities to produce a more efficient, economic and environmentally friendly aircraft."

The upgraded D328NEU will aim at offering a suitable replacement solution for ageing "in service" aircraft in the aviation market, as well as supporting the growing global market demand of new route development.

We are proud of the confidence of the German government in supporting the programme, and recognise the continuing support of our owners, employees and business partners.

Further updates on the programme will be announced late quarter one of 2020.

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### **About 328SSG:**

328 Support Services GmbH (328SSG) is a wholly owned subsidiary of Sierra Nevada Corporation, USA. It offers a broad spectrum of services to the aircraft industry. Employing over 170 aviation experts it supports more than 180 aircraft globally. Through its EASA Part 21J Design Organization (Category 1A) as well as its Part 21G Production Organisation (C1, C2 and D1 rating) and Part 145 Maintenance Organisation, 328SSG is able to support the aero industry on any project where design, certification, production or maintenance is required. Services offered include base and line aircraft maintenance, avionics installation, exterior painting, Part-M services, refurbishment, training services (part 147), STC design activities and bespoke VIP interiors including avionic & IFE upgrades. 328SSG is based at Oberpfaffenhofen Airport, near Munich.

### **About Sierra Nevada Corporation:**

Owned by Chairwoman and President Eren Ozmen and CEO Fatih Ozmen, SNC is a trusted leader in solving the world's toughest challenges through best-of-breed, open architecture engineering in Space Systems, Commercial Solutions, and National Security and Defense. SNC is recognized among the three most innovative U.S. companies in space, as a Tier One Superior Supplier for the U.S. Air Force, and as one of America's fastest growing companies. SNC's 55-year legacy of state-of-the art civil, military and commercial solutions includes delivering more than 4,000 space systems, subsystems and components to customers worldwide, and participation in more than 450 missions to space, including Mars.