



## Press Release

### Thierry Quillet is appointed Deputy Managing Director of GIFAS

**Paris, 1st July 2020** – As of 1st August 2020, **Thierry Quillet** is appointed Deputy Managing Director of GIFAS (Groupement des Industries Françaises Aéronautiques et Spatiales – French Aerospace Industries Association), chaired by **Eric Trappier**, Chairman & CEO of Dassault Aviation.

He will be responsible for managing the GIFAS Equipment Group (GEAD) and the Aero-SME Committee, succeeding **Bernard Espannet**, in charge since 2008, and who is retiring.

Thierry Quillet, 55 years old, is an engineer, graduate of ENSMA-ISAE (Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Mécanique et d'Aérotechnique) in Poitiers. He was, since 2014, Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Connection Technologies Division of Esterline group recently acquired by Eaton Group

GIFAS Managing Director, **Pierre Bourlot**, declared on this occasion: "We are pleased to see Thierry joining GIFAS after having held several general management positions in the aerospace connector industry, with a solid international background. I would also like to thank Bernard for the last twelve years he has spent at GIFAS, federating the aerospace supply chain".

#### **About GIFAS :**

*The French Aerospace Industries Association (GIFAS) was created in 1908. It is an industry body that brings together more than 400 companies ranging from the main prime contractors and system suppliers to SMEs. They form a cohesive, hard-driving high-technology sector specializing in the design, development and construction, marketing and maintenance of all aeronautical and space programmes and equipment, both civilian and military planes and defence and security systems.*

*GIFAS represents an industry whose 2018 sales turnover was € 65,4 bn, and that exports 85% of its output and, directly employs 195 000 individuals.*

*GIFAS organizes the International Paris Air Show every two years, which is the world's premier aerospace event. The 54<sup>th</sup> Paris-Le Bourget air Show will run from 21 to 27 June 2021.*

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