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## Hutchinson to Open in Mobile, Alabama at Mobile Aeroplex at Brookley

**PARIS, France** – On Monday, officials with Hutchinson Corporation announced its intent to open an Aerospace Manufacturing Center of Excellence (COE) in Mobile, Alabama. This Hutchinson COE will service the region’s burgeoning aerospace industry, including the Airbus U.S. Manufacturing Facility located at Mobile Aeroplex at Brookley. The announcement came on the opening day of the Paris Air Show.

Company officials indicated they will initially implement the COE start with “last minute shop” to support the Airbus facility, a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) 145 Repair Center, and a service center with a focus on final delivery of thermal acoustic insulation systems. The COE in Mobile is expected to start operations in the third quarter 2015 and will be located at 1805 6<sup>th</sup> St. in the Aeroplex.

Over the next five years Hutchinson projects significant growth in Mobile, adding increased production, assembly, maintenance repair and overhaul (MRO), and service operations. Hutchinson, headquartered in Paris, France, is committed to increasing its footprint in the United States to fully support the aerospace and defense industry in North America.

Currently, Hutchinson employs more than 35,000 personnel in 25 countries and 96 sites worldwide. The company has four business lines operating in various industries such as aerospace, defense, automotive, truck, and railway operations. Hutchinson product offerings include a broad array of products directed at improving customer comfort and safety to include advanced material solutions, vibration/shock controls, acoustic and thermal systems, fluid transfer systems, and unique sealing applications.

Members of Team Mobile, the industry recruiting effort for the City of Mobile and Mobile County are in Paris this week participating in various events and appointments for the air show. On Tuesday, a two-county delegation (Mobile and Baldwin) will host a reception for an expected 150 aerospace company executives.

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## **Related Quotes**

### **Laurent Poirier**

President, Hutchinson Aerospace

“We look forward to working with the Alabama economic development team and the state’s leadership to establish another high performance, customer-focused Manufacturing Center of Excellence that will expand Hutchinson’s operations in North America – most importantly by establishing key sites close to key aerospace customers.”

### **Cedric Duclos**

President and CEO, Hutchinson North America

“Establishing a manufacturing Center of Excellence in close proximity to the new Airbus facility in Mobile clearly enhances Hutchinson’s position as a major player in the aerospace industry in North America – and will enable robust support to the long list of US-based Aerospace customers.”

### **Sandy Stimpson**

Mayor, City of Mobile

“We are pleased and proud to welcome Hutchinson Aerospace as our newest corporate citizen in Mobile. Mobile is a destination city for the aerospace industry. Companies like Hutchinson recognize that if you want great workers, a great quality of life and a great business climate, then you need to locate in Mobile.”

### **Connie Hudson**

President, Mobile County Commission

“We are excited to bring Hutchinson Aerospace into our family of aircraft-related companies in Mobile County. It is one of the major suppliers to Airbus and is following Airbus into the American market, as we anticipate many companies will do. Mobile County offers these kinds of firms a growing market and a business-friendly environment where both the company and the community are positioned to prosper together.”

### **Gov. Robert Bentley**

State of Alabama

“I am pleased to welcome Hutchinson Corporation to Alabama. Alabama is a prime location for aviation and aerospace industries to be successful. The decision to open an Aerospace Manufacturing Center of Excellence is a testament to the strong business climate in Mobile. I appreciate Hutchinson’s investment in Alabama, and I look forward to the company’s success in Sweet Home Alabama.”

### **Troy Wayman**

Vice President of Economic Development, Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce

“Hutchinson Aerospace is precisely the type of Tier 1 supplier we work hard to recruit. The company’s name, reputation and capabilities further expands Mobile’s ability to service aerospace as well as other industry sectors.”

### **Roger Wehner**

Executive Director, Mobile Airport Authority

“We are honored to welcome the Hutchinson Group and their world class capabilities to our constantly evolving aerospace cluster. This announcement is evidence of the partnership between Airbus, its supplier partners, the community and the Mobile Airport Authority. We look forward to working in concert with Hutchinson to establish them at the Aeroplex and look forward to actively supporting their growth.”

## **About Hutchinson**

Hutchinson is a leading global partner in smart solutions for comfort and safety in aerospace, automotive and other industries. We design, qualify and provide vibration control systems, fluid management systems, and sealing solution technologies with a special focus on energy savings. We focus on premium technologies supported by operational excellence driven by committed teams. We are committed to a long-term and sustainable partnership with our customers. [www.hutchinsonworldwide.com](http://www.hutchinsonworldwide.com)

**Media** – Each of the above-quoted are in Paris for the air show. Leigh Perry-Herndon (+1-251-377-5438) is also at the air show but will work to try and coordinate interviews (either by phone, Skype or Facetime) if you are interested. Also, Grant Hintze, CEO of Hutchinson Aerospace North America, who led the effort to open a facility in Mobile, Alabama is available (from Paris) to speak. Perry-Herndon can work to arrange an interview with him as well.

For U.S. media, be aware there is a seven-hour time difference from Alabama to Paris. For on camera interviews from Mobile, Bill Sisson, President & CEO of the Mobile Area Chamber is available to speak on this project. Please contact Susan Rak-Blanchard (251-431-8641) to coordinate and interview with Sisson.

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