



PowerJet

SaM146 engine completes certification tests

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The SaM146 regional jet engine passed its final certification test today, a medium bird ingestion test, completing all tests required for certification. The SaM146 is designed and produced by PowerJet, a joint venture between Snecma (Safran group) and NPO Saturn.

"For us, this is a tremendous opportunity to announce the successful completion of the SaM146 certification tests during the 2010 RAA Annual Convention in Milwaukee," said Jean-Paul Ebanga, Chairman and CEO of PowerJet.

PowerJet is now in the home stretch for EASA (European Aviation Safety Agency) certification in the coming weeks, to be followed closely by approval from Avia Register of Russia.

PowerJet completed the last major SaM146 tests in 2010, including the fan blade out test on May 6. Earlier in the year the engine passed its block test, demonstrating performance under extreme operating conditions. The SaM146 also posted successful results on the vibration survey and low pressure turbine stress tests, highlighting its outstanding reliability.

Throughout the certification test program, the SaM146's performance has fully matched or exceeded expectations. To date the SaM146 has logged 7,000 hours of testing, including 3,500 hours in flight. At the same time, PowerJet is focusing on the ramp-up in engine production, while also preparing for the service entry of the Sukhoi Superjet 100.

"We are very proud of the SaM146's performance," added Jean-Paul Ebanga. *"These results reflect the proven expertise of Snecma and NPO Saturn, and their ability to develop a state-of-the-art and top quality aircraft engine."*

PowerJet is committed to delivering maximum value to its customers through a product that strikes a perfect balance between advanced technologies and proven experience.

PowerJet, founded in July 2004, is a joint venture of Snecma (Safran group) of France and NPO Saturn of Russia. It is in charge of the SaM146 engine program, including development, production, marketing, sales and support. In April 2003, the SaM146 was selected by Sukhoi Civil Aircraft to power its Superjet 100 regional jet.

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