

## **AXISCADES and SOVAM to bring French excellence in Airport Ground Support Equipment to India**

**Bangalore/Parthenay, February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021** AXISCADES and SOVAM, leaders in Aerospace and Defence technologies, today announced signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), to address the growing needs of the Aerospace and Defence sector in India, which is a key growth driver for the “Make in India”.

Under the MoU, both companies will evaluate and address the business opportunities for Airport Ground Support Equipment for the civil and defence airports.

France based SOVAM has more than five decades of expertise in Airport Ground Support Equipment for civil and military airports. It globally provides a full range of solutions based on their own design, production and assembly lines such as Aircraft tractors, Baggage tractors, Passenger Stairs, Water and Servicing vehicles, Maintenance Mobile Platforms, special loaders and Hi-lift trucks.

**Mr. Sharadhi Babu, C.E.O of AXISCADES said,** “The Government’s Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) / UDAN scheme, aimed at providing affordable, economically viable and profitable air travel on regional routes, has played a major role in adding 50 new airports as well as 285 routes to India’s aviation landscape. By the year 2024, the Airports Authority of India (AAI) is planning to develop at least 100 airports, waterdromes, and heliports across the country. This partnership with SOVAM will boost AXISCADES participation in India's Airport modernization programs. We are committed to providing state-of-the-art infrastructure and improve operational efficiency and compliance with local airport regulations, enabling them to handle wider range of aircrafts and potential new airlines. The combined technology expertise is well suited to offer the best airport equipment in a competitive manner.”

**Sharadhi Babu** further added, “We take pride in the fact that AXISCADES has been successfully partnering with niche global companies in the past and continue to build strong relationships with global OEMs to strengthen and contribute towards future needs of India’s Aerospace and Defence sectors.”

**Alain Peru, C.E.O. of SOVAM said,** “India is a key market for us, and we are excited to forge this strategic partnership with AXISCADES, which specializes in the Aerospace and Defence markets. We will work together and contribute to the Make in India initiative on various Aerospace, Defence, and Civilian programs in India.”

## **About AXISCADES Aerospace & Technologies Pvt. Ltd**

**AXISCADES Aerospace & Technologies Private Limited (AXISCADES)** is a niche player focussed on high-end strategic technologies for the aerospace and defence sector with a proven track record. The company has built proprietary capabilities in system integration, design and development of solutions and platforms in the areas of automatic test equipment & test solutions, software and simulations, avionics, electronic warfare systems and paramilitary training solutions. AXISCADES is licensed by the Ministry of Defence of India to undertake industrial manufacturing and is an industrial partner to marquee global aerospace and defence OEMs.

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## **About SOVAM**

**SOVAM** company, subsidiary of Abbey International Finance, is one the oldest airport equipment solution manufacturer. Since 1968, SOVAM has designed and manufactured more than 10 000 Airport Ground Support Equipment for various civil and military airports. With a 20 years average Ground Support Equipment lifetime, SOVAM deploys a range of services, including refurbishment, in order to guarantee full performance of use over the years. As a designer and manufacturer, SOVAM owns their main components design, in order to give a better obsolescence management.

For more information, see: <https://sovam.fr/en/>

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