

## Labinal and the IGE+XAO Group, launching a joint venture to develop and market software applications dedicated to electrical harness manufacturing.

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Labinal, World leader in the field of electrical wiring systems, and IGE+XAO Group, specialists in publishing and deploying innovative CAD software solutions for electrical processes, are proud to announce the launch of a joint venture aiming to develop and market software solutions dedicated to the manufacturing of electrical harnesses.

By combining the skills and resources of Labinal and IGE+XAO, the new JV will develop and sell pioneering software programs which interface seamlessly with the proprietary design environments of customers (aircraft manufacturers, automotive manufacturers, etc.) or software publisher architectures.

Working from the harness design plans, the new commercial offer, called SEE Electrical Harness Manufacturing, will determine the appropriate fabrication range, and pilot the cutting and marking machine tools. SEE Electrical Harness Manufacturing will also integrate other functions, such as electrical tests definition.

*« This is a strategic alliance launched in an encouraging market context, 'the all-electric aircraft'. It will enable Labinal and IGE+XAO to consolidate their positions by offering aircraft constructors a high added value software concept that's both innovative and unique», commented Philippe Petitcolin, Labinal CEO. He added, "We'll be pooling the special skills of our two companies. Labinal brings its industrial expertise in the fields of aircraft wiring design and production, and IGE+XAO its talent and technical competence in software design, marketing and support."*

*"This promising partnership confirms IGE+XAO's ambition to bring innovative software to market, with solutions that cover the entire design and fabrication processes of electrical harnesses. Bringing together two of the most prestigious names in their respective sectors guarantees our customers a truly high performance offer", declared IGE+XAO's CEO, Alain di Crescenzo.*

**One of the SAFRAN Group's high tech companies, Labinal is a world leader** in the field of electrical wiring systems, studies, engineering, and associated technology for the aviation, space and defense markets. The company's talent has grown out of decades of knowledge acquisition, and unmatched expertise founded on manufacturing partnerships with the world's leading aerospace companies. Market sector specific and totally focused on fully satisfying customer demands, Labinal's industrial activities are organized in 3 divisions: Europe Wiring, North America Wiring, and Engineering & Technology.

For more details: <http://www.labinal.com>

**International Group IGE+XAO has been a software publisher for over 20 years**, designing, producing, marketing and supporting a range of Computer Aided Design software solutions. The company's CAD software products have been designed to help manufacturers in the design and maintenance of the electrical part of production processes. This type of CAD is called Electrical CAD. IGE+XAO has built a whole range of Electrical CAD software designed for all manufacturers. Their solutions are designed to function either on individual computers or through company networks. With 370 employees spread across 20 sites in 13 countries, IGE+XAO has 43,000 licenses operating across the world, making it an industry-reference in its sector.

For more details: <http://www.ige-xao.com>

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