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ArianeGroup starts production of the first flight model for the VINCI[®] engine combustion chamber intended for the Ariane 6 upper stage

- VINCI® is the re-ignition motor of the upper stage of Ariane 6 which has been successfully tested more than 120 times
- Construction of the first combustion chamber of the flight model has begun at the ArianeGroup site in Ottobrun
- Airbus Safran Launchers will be re-named ArianeGroup on July 1

Photos of the engine production process can be downloaded from the following address: https://www.ariane.group/en/news/arianegroup-starts-production-of-the-first-flight-model-for-the-vinci-engine-combustion-chamber-intended-for-the-ariane-6-upper-stage/

Airbus Safran Launchers, which will be known as ArianeGroup on July 1, 2017, has begun construction of the combustion chamber of the first flight model of the VINCI® engine at its Ottobrun site near Munich.

Construction was begun following more than 120 successful tests, using development models. This is a key step towards the success of the first Ariane 6 flight, scheduled for 2020.

The new re-ignition engine will significantly increase the operational flexibility of the Ariane 6 launcher, which can fulfill a wide range of missions, including the launch of constellations. Airbus Safran Launchers is industrial lead contractor for Ariane 6.



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About Airbus Safran Launchers to become ArianeGroup on 1.July 2017

The Airbus Safran Launchers group develops and supplies innovative and competitive solutions for civil and military space launchers, with expertise in all aspects of state-of-the-art propulsion technologies. Airbus Safran Launchers is lead contractor for Europe's Ariane 5 and Ariane 6 launcher families, responsible for both design and the entire production chain, up to and including marketing by its Arianespace subsidiary, as well as for the missiles of the French oceanic deterrent force. The Airbus Safran Launchers group and its subsidiaries enjoy a global reputation as specialists in the field of equipment and propulsion for space applications, while their expertise also benefits other industrial sectors. The group is a joint venture equally owned by Airbus and Safran, and employs nearly 9,000 highly qualified staff in France and Germany. Its estimated proforma revenues exceed 3 billion euros.

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