



# Press release

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## **AkzoNobel Aerospace Coatings and Pantheon Enterprises Technology Cooperation**

AkzoNobel Aerospace Coatings, the global leader in Aerospace Coatings and Pantheon Enterprises, the global leader in Chrome Free aircraft pretreatments have been working together over the last two years to develop an advanced chrome free aircraft Pretreatment that will be sold globally through AkzoNobel Aerospace Coating's global distribution network.

The pretreatment, to be marketed under the AkzoNobel Metaflex brand, will be known as Metaflex SP and has been developed to meet the AMS3095 specification as part of a number of AkzoNobel Aerospace coatings systems.

Kevin Fleetwood, sBU Director at AkzoNobel states, 'We have developed a strong working relationship with Pantheon and believe we have the very best partner in the field of Chrome Free pretreatments. We decided to work with Pantheon following an extensive testing regime, where we looked at the available technologies in the market and carried out a large benchmarking program. We found that in filiform corrosion testing especially, the Pantheon technology showed significantly better corrosion resistance in combination with our systems. This led to us deciding not to develop our own technology from scratch but to work with Pantheon to develop a pretreatment that delivers what we consider to be superior corrosion resistance, compared to anything else currently in the market'.

Laura Roberts, Chief Executive Officer of Pantheon Enterprises adds, 'We are proud to partner with AkzoNobel on this initiative. Our goal is to provide the marketplace with high performance, environmentally safe technologies. The development and commercialization of this product, which is aimed at the AMS3095 specification, represents a significant milestone in the painting industry. Furthermore, we are looking into working on the next generation of pretreatments, in combination with AkzoNobel Aerospace Coatings' Chrome Free primer technology. This will not only benefit both our companies but offer the market superior performance and system durability'.

'The Metaflex brand is a trusted name globally in pretreatment products. The Metaflex SP (Surface Pretreatment) will build on the brand and offer the market a number of benefits and savings over current pretreatment methods', stated Andrew Richardson, Global Market Director at AkzoNobel Aerospace Coatings. 'Metaflex SP will be launched in the near future in combination with a number of new products from AkzoNobel, aimed at the MRO aviation market'.

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**AkzoNobel Aerospace Coatings**

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