

## CORPORATE NEWS

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### **Montana Aerospace provides crucial expertise to new global safety standards for the aerospace industry**

#### **Universal Alloy Corporation Europe, a division of Montana Aerospace, contributes to the development of international guidance shaping Safety Management Systems across the aerospace supply chain**

Montana Aerospace is proud to announce that its division Universal Alloy Corporation Europe (UAC Europe) was instrumental in the development of three newly released guidance documents that define international standards for Safety Management Systems (SMS) in the aerospace supply chain. Published as part of the International Aerospace Quality Group's (IAQG) Supply Chain Management Handbook (SCMH), these documents set a global benchmark for integrating safety principles into Quality Management Systems (QMS).

*"At Montana Aerospace, safety is at the heart of everything we do," says Kai Arndt, Co-CEO of Montana Aerospace. "We are proud that our UAC Europe team has helped shape what is now recognized as the global foundation for Safety Management Systems across the aerospace industry. These standards underscore our commitment to not only manufacturing excellence, but to safety-driven innovation."*

#### **Guidelines for global aerospace safety**

UAC Europe expanded the framework's reach to suppliers of all sizes, from Tier 1 manufacturers to smaller sub-tier companies. The organization's operational expertise made the content scalable and practical, helping aerospace companies adopt SMS requirements more efficiently.

*"UAC Europe has become a center of excellence not just in production, but also in operational safety", says Brian Weed, CEO of Universal Alloy Corporation Europe. "Being part of this international effort has allowed us to contribute our practical expertise to help define standards that will guide the entire aerospace supply chain toward an even safer future."*



## Developing the future of global aerospace safety

In addition, UAC Europe is involved in the revision of the standard IAQG 9100 as part of the European sector team. IAQG9100 is one of the most important standards within the aerospace industry, being almost a mandatory requirement for any serious company that plans to operate in this sector. It is based on the well-known ISO 9001 standard with additional requirements for the aerospace industry. It is estimated that the new revision will be published by early 2027.

UAC Europe is also involved in the revision of the standard IAQG 9145 Advanced Product Quality Planning, which is currently in the final phase and will take place later this year, and on the Aerospace APQP Manual, another guidance material under the Supply Chain Management Handbook. Already published guidance materials are Work Transfer Management and Key Performance Indicators (KPI) Metrics and Definitions.

Montana Aerospace is committed to advancing the aerospace industry through collaboration, compliance, and innovation. With these new IAQG-recognized documents, Montana Aerospace division UAC Europe has not only influenced global policy but has reaffirmed its role as a key enabler of safety, quality, and excellence in aerospace manufacturing.

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### About Montana Aerospace AG

Montana Aerospace AG is a globally active industrial group specializing in the development and production of system components and complex assemblies for the aerospace and energy industries. All products and solutions are based on decades of materials expertise and are used wherever the highest standards of quality, durability, and reliability are required. In 2024, the company achieved revenues of approximately EUR 1.5 billion. Montana Aerospace employs around 7,600 highly skilled professionals at 22 locations across four continents—designing, developing, and producing cutting-edge technologies for the aerospace and energy industries of tomorrow, using aluminum, titanium, steel, composites, and copper.

### About Universal Alloy Corporation

Universal Alloy Corporation is a leading global manufacturer and highly integrated producer of structural components and assemblies for the aerospace industry. Through innovative product development, excellent service and a worldwide manufacturing network, UAC has established itself as a market leader in the field of highly complex extruded and machined components for structural construction, such as fuselage and wing components. With modern production facilities on three continents – North America, Europe and Asia – UAC, a division of Montana Aerospace AG, employs around 4,300 people.