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ACSS Receives Certification for DO-260A Transponder

LE BOURGET, PARIS, June 15, 2009 – ACSS, an L-3 Communications & Thales company, announced today an upgrade to its XS-950 Mode S transponder to become DO-260A compliant. The enhanced transponder is now certified for installation on all Airbus single aisle and long range aircraft, including A318/319/320/321, A330/A340 and A340-500/600 aircraft. The XS-950 is the first DO-260A compliant transponder currently offered by Airbus.

This enhanced transponder provides operators with the ability to send information to other aircraft using Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B) technology. The ADS-B Out capability transmits information such as speed, altitude, intent and flight identification to other aircraft operating within a 100 nautical mile radius. This enhanced transponder function is expected to become the baseline for surveillance throughout the world and will support future ADS-B In applications for Airbus aircraft.

“Equipping aircraft with ADS-B Out-capable transponders is the first step in implementing the NextGen air traffic management system in the U.S., Europe and around the world,” said ACSS president Kris Ganase. “Avionics suppliers like ACSS can take ADS-B Out transmissions and help operators save fuel by flying more efficient routes.”

Phoenix-based Aviation Communication & Surveillance Systems (ACSS), 70% owned by L-3 Communications and 30% owned by Thales, is a leader in safety avionics systems that increase safety, situational awareness and efficiency for aircraft operators in all phases of flight. More than 60,000 units of ACSS product are operating in commercial, corporate and military aircraft. To learn more about ACSS, please visit the company's Web site at www.acss.com.

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