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## News

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**Air Berlin Launches SafeRoute™ ADS-B Program in Europe  
-- Germany's second largest airline to launch Merging & Spacing Capability  
for environmental and efficiency advantages --**

PHOENIX, January 12, 2009 – ACSS, an L-3 Communications & Thales Company, has been selected by Air Berlin to launch a collaborative program to implement and certify its SafeRoute™ Merging & Spacing function in the European airspace. Recently, Air Berlin signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with ACSS making it the first European airline to move forward with the software.

“ADS-B is an important and emerging aviation technology,” said ACSS president Kris Ganase. “Carriers like Air Berlin equip with SafeRoute ADS-B software enhance flight operational efficiency and safety.

SafeRoute is a set of software products that uses automatic dependent surveillance-broadcast (ADS-B) technology to improve situational awareness for pilots and enhance the aircraft's operating efficiency during takeoff, enroute, approach, landing and airport taxi. In addition to the Merging & Spacing application, the full suite of SafeRoute functions include Surface Area Movement Management (SAMM), Universal Cockpit Display of Traffic Information (UCDTI) and CDTI Assisted Visual Separation (CAVS).

Merging & Spacing makes flying more efficient by providing the pilot with speed cues that enable an aircraft to reach its approach point with greater precision. That can virtually eliminate low altitude vectors. It will also allow Air Berlin to fly Continuous Descent Arrival (CDA) procedures. This new capability allows the controller to delegate the task of maintaining accurate in-trail spacing to the flight crew throughout the entire descent profile, all the way from enroute airspace to the runway. Performing CDAs with SafeRoute reduces the noise footprint of an operator by 30%, reduces emissions by 34%, reduces fuel burn by 40-70 gallons per arrival, virtually eliminates low-level vectoring and increases arrival performance to nearly 100 percent of available capacity in compromised weather conditions.

A program to equip US Airways aircraft with SafeRoute was announced in November and UPS Airlines was the launch customer for the product.

Phoenix-based Aviation Communication & Surveillance Systems (ACSS), 70% owned by L-3 Communications and 30% owned by Thales, is a leader in avionics systems that increase safety, situational awareness and efficiency for aircraft operators. To learn more about ACSS, please visit the company's web site at [www.L-3com.com/acss](http://www.L-3com.com/acss).

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