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TAWS+*performance* certified for Hawker 900XP & Hawker 750

ORLANDO, October 20, 2009 – ACSS, an L-3 Communications & Thales Company, announced today that TAWS+*performance* has been certified for the Hawker 900XP and Hawker 750. This Class A terrain awareness warning system (TAWS) becomes factory standard in 2010. These newest models join the Beechcraft King Air C90GTi, King Air B200GT and King Air 350 that also use TAWS+ as standard.

“Hawker Beechcraft has set a standard for general and business aviation with unsurpassed performance, quality, value and technological innovation for their customers,” said ACSS President Kris Ganase. “We’re pleased to be HBC’s TAWS supplier.”

More than 2,500 units of ACSS’s Class A TAWS are installed or on order as TAWS+ or as part of T²CAS. TAWS+*performance* is the industry’s only aircraft performance-based TAWS. The advanced safety capabilities can be applied to any business, regional, air transport or military aircraft to help avoid Controlled Flight Into Terrain (CFIT). The system gives operators an alert which allows for more time to clear terrain and traffic with an increased margin to maneuver and reduce nuisance alerts. The Ground Collision Avoidance Module (GCAM) enables Modes 1-5 and provides unique predictive warnings and cockpit displays.

Among the TAWS+ patented features is a Terrain Advisory Line (TAL) that provides enhanced situational awareness. The TAL scans out to 30 degrees on both sides of the aircraft flight path and out as far as two minutes in front of the aircraft, providing crew with a visual alert of potential hazards in the flight path. When the GCAM detects that the aircraft does not have sufficient climb capability to clear terrain by a standard vertical recovery maneuver, it generates an “Avoid Terrain” aural-visual alert.

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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