



Coflight Programme: version 1 of the European FDP accepted

Paris, Rome, Geneva - 14 June 2010 - The Industrial Consortium Thales / SELEX Sistemi Integrati has recently delivered Version 1 of the new generation FDP (Flight Data Processing) software after successful acceptance by the three Air Navigation Service Providers of France (DSNA), Italy (ENAV) and Switzerland (skyguide).

The new generation FDP system has been developed in the frame of Coflight Programme Partnership. The aim of this programme is to develop a brand new FDP software and related services, achieving top-of-the-range features and performances, and incorporating latest technology.

Acceptance of Version 1 is a major achievement incorporating a new SESAR-compliant service-oriented architecture and its basic functions.

This acceptance is also a major stepping stone with respect to the incremental Coflight roadmap started since 2006 and based on four major versions

- Version V1, representing more than 50% of the total system
- Version V2 will be the first fully-functional FDP system for operational use, and will be delivered by the end of 2011;
- Version V3 will provide the overall interoperability services, and will be released by the end of 2012;
- Finally, version V4 will implement the SESAR target concept.

Coflight FDP represents a genuine breakthrough at both operational and technical levels. It provides highly advanced functions in support of Partners current and future operational needs, delivering best performances to airspace users.

Coflight implements an open architecture and standardised middleware to guarantee the long-term upgradability and scalability of the product and take into account future services coming from SESAR.

To address safety and conformity requirements, the Coflight partners and the Industrial Consortium have adopted, as a strong axis from the beginning of the programme, the European regulation-compliant development process.

The Coflight partners and the Industrial Consortium have progressively built up the Coflight User Group (CUG), around the founding members and with the arrival of observers. The CUG will provide an innovative means of involving new partners in the programme in order to jointly steer the evolution of the product and share development costs.

About DSNA

DSNA (Direction des Services de la Navigation Aérienne - department of air navigation services) is the French provider in charge of air navigation services. DSNA includes all the operational, technical and administrative organizations contributing to the providing of French air navigation services, in France, metropolitan and overseas.

DSNA is performing en-route, approach and aerodrome control for general air traffic, and operates 5 area control centres and 85 airports, more than 30 of them with a specific approach control. DSNA controlled 2.700.262 IFR flights in 2009 and employs more than 7800 people.

DSNA is a member, together with its partner organisations in Belgium, Germany, Luxemburg, the Netherlands and Switzerland, of the FABEC initiative, to create a common Functional Airspace Block in Europe Central. DSNA also participates in the SESAR programme. The programme is the technological and operational dimension of the Single European Sky (SES) initiative to meet future capacity and air safety needs.

SELEX Sistemi Integrati, a Finmeccanica Company, designs and develops Large Systems for Homeland Protection, systems and radars for air defence, battlefield management, naval warfare, coastal and maritime surveillance, air traffic control. With its fifty-year track record in system integration and a customer base in no less than 150 countries, SELEX Sistemi Integrati can rely on a huge capability in systems integration, simulation, engineering, software design, and production of advanced technology systems and components, a real genetic code of the Company open to a great vanguard products and solutions commercial offer, equipped with a modern logistic support. The Company occupies about 4,200 employees with main plants in Italy, UK, Germany, US. SELEX Sistemi Integrati is a leader in Research and Development, thanks to annual investments amounting to more than 20% of the revenue.

Skyguide is responsible for providing air navigation services within Swiss airspace and in the airspace of certain adjoining regions in neighbouring countries. The company guides the civil and military aircraft entrusted to its care – around 3 400 flights a day or 1.24 million a year – through some of the busiest and most complex airspace in Europe. Skyguide is a non-profit limited company which has its head office in Geneva. The majority of its shares are held by the Swiss Confederation. The company generates annual operating revenue of over CHF 372 million and employs some 1 400 people at 14 locations in Switzerland. Skyguide is also a member, together with its partner organisations in Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg and the Netherlands, of the FABEC initiative to create a common functional airspace block that will bring greater efficiency to Central Europe's air traffic management services and activities.

ENAV is the Company to which the Italian State delegates the management and control of civilian air traffic in Italy. Entirely controlled by the Ministry of Economy and Finance and supervised by the Ministry of Infrastructures and Transport, ENAV S.p.A. is a result of the transformation of the National Agency for Flight Assistance into a joint-stock Company which occurred in 2000, after the previous transformation into a State-Controlled Enterprise in 1996. The organisational structure has its legal headquarters in Rome and operating facilities throughout the national territory. In addition, ENAV is present at Forlì with a headquarters for its own Academy. ENAV is a member of the international ATM (Air Traffic Management) system and therefore participates in research and development activities in coordination with the international control bodies for the sector such as ICAO, EUROCONTROL and for the trade (CANSO). ENAV controls the management and maintenance of flight assistance systems and their related software through its company Techno Sky S.r.l.

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