



Thales to supply ATM system to Bahrain

ATC, Amsterdam, 9 March 2010 – Thales has been awarded a contract by Bahrain Civil Aviation Affairs (BCAA) to supply the latest version of its EUROCAT Air Traffic Management system for the Bahrain International Airport. The contract will further modernise Bahrain's current Navigation Surveillance and Air Traffic Management (ATM) capabilities, ensuring a significant improvement of safety and efficiency in Bahraini airspace.

EUROCAT is an advanced and modular Air Traffic Management system, providing the latest technology to ensure safe and efficient operations for en-route, terminal approach, transcontinental and oceanic airspace, and airport movements. There are more than 260 EUROCAT centres, totalling some 4,000 controller positions in service throughout the world.

Thales's EUROCAT automation system offers reduced workload for controllers and more efficient operations, leading to safety, capacity and efficiency enhancements – benefits which are key to supporting the future of the high-traffic density airspaces such as the Middle East", stated Rémi Gille, Thales Vice President, in charge of Air Traffic Management Systems.

Bahrain International Airport is strategically located in the Northern Gulf with ideal connections to major international destinations in Europe, Asia, Africa, the Far East and Australia. Bahrain Civil Aviation Affairs, which assumes a major role in the regional en-route traffic control, will be able to cope with growing traffic volumes resulting from the increase of tourism in the country but also in the whole region.

Thales is world leader in ATM systems and civil radars and has a 70% market share in the navigation aids market. Thales offers an integrated gate-to-gate solution, from pre-flight to landing, ensuring airport safety, efficient traffic handling operations, data sharing on aircraft and seamless handover operations between territories.

About Thales

Thales is a global technology leader for the Aerospace and Space, Defence, Security and Transportation markets. In 2009, the company generated revenues of 12.9 billion euros with 68,000 employees in 50 countries. With its 25,000 engineers and researchers, Thales has a unique capability to design, develop and deploy equipment, systems and services that meet the most complex security requirements. Thales has an exceptional international footprint, with operations around the world working with customers as local partners. www.thalesgroup.com

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