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Thales completes the acquisition of Egis Avia's ATM IT Solutions business

Paris Air Show, 19 June 2013 – Following the announcement of exclusive talks between Egis Avia and Thales at the World ATM congress in Madrid in February 2013, Thales is pleased to announce that Egis Avia's IT (ITS)h activities have formally been transferred to Thales.

This is a crucial strategic acquisition for Thales, giving the world ATM leader the broadest possible product portfolio in the ATM market. In particular, Thales is pleased to manage all EgisAvia's ITS products including the MAESTRO arrival / departure flight sequencing systems (AMAN / DMAN,), ATALIS aeronautical information systems (AIM), DL-FEP Front End Processor and ProATN router (datalink servers) and SCANSIM simulators (air traffic control and control tower simulation). In addition, the integration of Egis Avia's ITS activities strengthens the group's base of expertise across several key areas, most notably the synchronisation and optimisation of traffic during the approach, arrival and departure phases.

Thales is committed to support all EGIS Avia's ITS customers and partners worldwide, while pursuing strong technical and commercial relationships that Egis Avia have previously established. Such business continuity will be facilitated by the fact all Egis Avia' ITS staff members in Toulouse and Issy-Les-Moulineaux have been relocated to Thales facilities in Toulouse and in Rungis, and now work seamlessly with Thales ATM personnel.

Commenting on this crucial strategic acquisition, Jean Marc Alias, Thales Vice President and Head of Air Traffic Management, said: *"Today's transfer is a very important step for Thales ATM's global activity and customer base. In particular, Thales continually strives to provide the broadest and most innovative ATM solutions to our Customers, and this acquisition gives our customers a wider choice of critical ATM products to better meet their safety and efficiency challenges. With this expansion to the breadth and scope of our capabilities and ability to service all segments of the ATM market, we can now safely say to our Customers that no area of ATM is beyond our horizon."*

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