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ACSS TCAS Upgrades Comply with EASA Mandate for Change 7.1 Safety Enhancement

PHOENIX, February 6, 2012 – The European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) issued a mandate on December 20, 2011 requiring that the Traffic Alert & Collision Avoidance Systems (TCAS) on aircraft operating in European airspace be upgraded to include Change 7.1 software. EASA's mandate calls for Change 7.1 software to be installed into TCAS on all newly built aircraft by no later than March 1, 2012 and by December 1, 2015 to retrofit existing aircraft.

ACSS – a leading supplier of TCAS products – has already developed and certified Change 7.1 for all of its TCAS products, which include the TCAS 2000, TCAS II, TCAS 3000SP and T²CAS[®]. Once Change 7.1 is installed, operators will be compliant with the new C119c TCAS standard.

“For ACSS equipment, Change 7.1 is a simple software-only modification that provides important safety enhancements for operators,” said Jean-Michel Clairis-Gauthier, vice president of sales, marketing and business development for ACSS. “We have been working with aircraft manufacturers for more than a year to design and propose attractive certified modification packages for operators to become compliant with the new mandate.”

The Change 7.1 upgrade applies to all manufacturers of TCAS II products and delivers these safety upgrades: reversal logic, new aural alerting for *Adjust Vertical Speed*, and “Level-Off, Level-Off” resolution advisories (RAs) to make it more clear that a reduction in vertical rate is required.

ACSS received European Technical Standard Order (ETSO) Authorization from EASA for Change 7.1 in April 2011.

Phoenix-based Aviation Communication & Surveillance Systems (ACSS), 70 percent owned by L-3 Communications and 30 percent owned by Thales, is a leader in state-of-the-art safety avionics systems that increase safety, situational awareness and efficiency for aircraft operators in all phases of flight. Primary technologies include Traffic Alert and Collision Avoidance

Systems (TCAS), Terrain Awareness Warning Systems (TAWS), Mode S Transponders and Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B) capabilities for major airline, business and regional jets, as well as military transport platforms. 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 website at www.acss.com.

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