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Change 7.1 Enhancement for ACSS TCAS Products Available for Business Jets

NBAA2011, LAS VEGAS, October 10, 2011 – ACSS, an L-3 Communications & Thales Company, announced today that the Change 7.1 software enhancement for TCAS II is available for its TCAS products, including the TCAS 2000, on many business jet platforms. This new safety enhancement for Traffic Alert and Collision Avoidance Systems (TCAS) is expected to be mandated by the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) and is strongly supported by the FAA.

EASA's anticipated mandate calls for Change 7.1 software to be installed on all newly built aircraft operating in European airspace by no later than March 2012 and to retrofit existing aircraft by December 2015.

Change 7.1 delivers safety enhancements that include Reversal Logic, "Adjust Vertical Speed" and "Level Off" resolution advisories (RAs) that provide improved pilot reaction time, added simplicity and improved TCAS performance.

ACSS received European Technical Standard Order (TSO) Authorization from EASA for the Change 7.1 upgrade on the TCAS 2000 in April 2011 and TSO from the FAA in 2010. The Change 7.1 enhancement makes ACSS equipment compliant with the new C119c standard.

"Change 7.1 is an easy-to-install software modification that provides important aviation safety enhancement for operators," said Jean-Michel Clairis-Gauthier, vice president of sales, marketing and business development at ACSS.

Service Bulletins for Change 7.1 are available or in development for all ACSS TCAS platforms. More than 10,000 ACSS TCAS 2000s are currently installed and operating in air transport, regional, corporate and military aircraft around the world.

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