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SafeRoute Certification for Class II EFBs Submitted to FAA Unique Runway Incursion Tool Offers Airport Moving Map with Own-Ship Position and Traffic

PHOENIX, August 26, 2008 – ACSS, an L-3 Communications & Thales Company, has submitted a new software release for its runway incursion product, SafeRoute-SAMM 2.5, for certification by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). This latest SAMM (Surface Area Movement Management) release enables own-ship and other aircraft to be displayed on a moving map of the airport surface using a Class II electronic flight bag (EFB). ACSS' SAMM is the only runway incursion tool to provide these features.

The installation of SAMM will allow operators to take advantage of the FAA's cost share program which is designed to enable runway incursion software to be installed onto commercial airplanes. The goal of the FAA's program is to equip at least 400 commercial airliners and business jets by next year. Program participants will be reimbursed a portion of the cost of the SafeRoute-SAMM software and the Class II EFB.

The National Transportation Safety Board has stated that runway incursions are the top safety concern in all of aviation. A runway incursion is defined by the FAA as any occurrence on a runway involving the incorrect presence of an aircraft, vehicle or person on the protected area of a surface designated for the landing and takeoff of aircraft.

In March 2007, the FAA's Commercial Aviation Safety Team released a white paper stating that almost all runway incursions could be prevented by having a cockpit moving map display with own-ship position and airport traffic for improved situational awareness. They also called for the integration of ADS-B to enable pilots and controllers to see all aircraft and vehicles on the surface and aircraft up to 1,000 feet above ground level.

SafeRoute, based on Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B) "In" technology, received its initial certification in 2007 and is currently being installed on all UPS aircraft. The UPS installation uses a Class III EFB and the full suite of SafeRoute applications, which includes SAMM, Merging & Spacing (M&S), Cockpit Display of Traffic Information (CDTI), and CDTI Assisted Visual Separation (CAVS).

Phoenix-based Aviation Communication & Surveillance Systems (ACSS), 70% owned by L-3 Communications and 30% owned by Thales, is a leader in safety avionics systems that increase safety, situational awareness and efficiency for aircraft operators. To learn more about ACSS, please visit the company's web site at www.acss.com.

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