



## News

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### **SAUDIA SELECTS T<sup>3</sup>CAS FOR NEW AIRBUS AIRCRAFT**

PHOENIX, February 20, 2009 – Thales and ACSS (an L-3 Communications and Thales joint venture company) announced today that Saudi Arabian Airlines has selected a significant number of Thales equipment including the T<sup>3</sup>CAS for installation on its recent order of Airbus A320 jets. The order includes 42 firm and eight optional aircraft.

T<sup>3</sup>CAS is an integrated surveillance platform from ACSS that combines a traffic alert and collision avoidance system (TCAS), terrain awareness warning system (TAWS) and Mode S Transponder. The T<sup>3</sup>CAS for Saudia will also include ADS-B In (automatic dependent surveillance-broadcast) capabilities, such as Air Traffic Situational Awareness (ATSAW) with In-Trail Procedures (ITP).

“We are delighted to offer this new and innovative product to our airline customers, thanks to the fruitful collaboration between ACSS and Thales since the introduction of the T<sup>2</sup>CAS product ” said Daniel Malka, vice president and General Manager of Aerospace Services Worldwide for Thales.

“T<sup>3</sup>CAS will deliver advanced surveillance capability for Airbus customers,” said Kris Ganase, president of ACSS. “By adding ADS-B functions to the surveillance suite, airlines will not only enhance safety, they will also save fuel.”

Through this higher level of integration and technological advancement, T<sup>3</sup>CAS delivers lower acquisition and ownership costs, less weight and volume and reduced wiring with improved power efficiency.

#### **About ACSS**

Phoenix-based Aviation Communication & Surveillance Systems (ACSS), 70 percent-owned by L-3 Communications and 30 percent-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.L-3com.com/acss](http://www.L-3com.com/acss).

#### **About L-3 Communications**

Headquartered in New York City, L-3 Communications employs over 64,000 people worldwide and is a prime contractor in aircraft modernization and maintenance, C<sup>3</sup>ISR (Command, Control, Communications, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance) systems and government services. L-3

is also a leading provider of high technology products, subsystems and systems. The company reported 2007 sales of \$14 billion.

To learn more about L-3, please visit the company's web site at [www.L-3Com.com](http://www.L-3Com.com).

### **About Thales**

Thales is a leading international electronics and systems group, addressing defence, aerospace and security markets worldwide. Thales's leading-edge technology is supported by 22,000 R&D engineers who offer a capability unmatched in Europe to develop and deploy field-proven mission-critical information systems. To this end, the group's civil and military businesses develop in parallel and share a common base of technologies to serve a single objective: the security of people, property and nations. The group builds its growth on its unique multi-domestic strategy based on trusted partnerships with national customers and market players, while leveraging its global expertise to support local technology and industrial development. Thales employs 68,000 people in 50 countries with 2007 revenues of €12.3 billion.

To learn more about L-3, please visit the company's web site at [www.thalesgroup.com](http://www.thalesgroup.com).

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