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FREQUENTIS COMSOFT provides NATS with essential Flight Plan Gateway

Flight plan Gateway will translate ICAO format flight plans and related messages for NATS Flight Data Processing System.

UK air traffic management's leading provider NATS, has successfully installed an essential gateway between the EUROCONTROL Integrated Flight Plan Processing System (IFPS) and their National Airspace System (NAS) thanks to technology from Frequentis Comsoft.

NATS, safely and efficiently, handles over two million flights per year. The lifecycle of NATS current Flight Plan Reception Suite Automation (FPRSA) system was coming to an end, so a suitable interim replacement was needed in order to continue its reliable and efficient service, until its Deploying SESAR programme takes full effect.

“NATS chose Frequentis Comsoft to provide this essential gateway based on our good past experience, coupled with our technical team's expert assessment of the suitability of their proven technology. Our teams worked successfully together to ensure that the solution was installed in an efficient and timely manner with minimal disruption, ensuring it will meet our goals for greater productivity, whilst continuing to ensure we provide a safe and highly resilient air traffic management service for our customers.”, says Tim Bullock, Director Supply Chain NATS.

NATS has been operating AIDA-NG in the biggest message handling environment in Europe, switching around 1,400,000 messages per day. The system has been operational since 2006 (last upgraded in 2014) and has worked for more than the past decade with utmost reliability, with unmatched field-proven overall availability of 99,999998% to date.

“The basis for the new FPRSA system is Frequentis Comsoft's market-leading message handling product AIDA-NG, used by NATS since 2006, as the biggest international AFTN/AMHS Message switch (AMS-UK) in the EUR/NAT region. We are pleased to be working with long term customer NATS, supporting them in their goals for a reliable and efficient service.” says Uwe Kurpat, MHS Business Unit Manager, Frequentis Comsoft.

About FREQUENTIS COMSOFT GmbH

The company was founded in 2016 from major assets of the previous Comsoft GmbH, established in 1979. Its expertise covers a vast proportion of the modern ATM industry, providing market-leading AMHS – ensuring compliance to recent SESAR/SWIM requirements – as well as innovative surveillance and communication solutions

such as ADS-B and Multilateration sensors. Additionally, Frequentis Comsoft is the turnkey supplier of Surveillance Data Distribution System (SDDS-NG).

The high-quality portfolio and skilled team, coupled with the Frequentis Groups vast expertise, will continue to develop innovative solutions for the ATM Market, consistent with international standards.

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About NATS

NATS is a leading air traffic management and solutions company, established in the UK in 1962 and now operating in countries around the world.

NATS handled 2.6 million flights in 2017, covering the UK and eastern North Atlantic from its centres at Swanwick, Hampshire and Prestwick, Ayrshire. NATS also provides air traffic services at 14 UK airports; at Gibraltar Airport and, in a joint venture with Ferrovial, at a number of airport towers in Spain.

Building on its reputation for operational excellence and innovation, NATS offers aerodrome, data, engineering, capacity, efficiency and environmental performance solutions to customers worldwide, including airports, airlines air traffic service providers and Governments.

For more information visit the NATS website at www.nats.aero