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Highlands & Islands become first UK airports to adopt SELEX Systems Integration's Distance Measuring Equipment

10 January 2012 – SELEX Systems Integration Ltd, a Finmeccanica company, has strengthened its position as one of the UK's leading providers of Air Traffic Management (ATM) solutions, after winning the contract to provide two 1118A Distance Measuring Equipment (DME) to Highlands & Islands Airports Ltd's (HIAL) Inverness and Kirkwall airports. This contract signifies the first use of SELEX Systems Integration's DME in the UK market.

With more than a decade's performance in over 600 locations worldwide, the 1118A DME represents one of SELEX Systems Integration's best-selling nav aids globally, operating in airports across more than 55 countries.

The DMEs for Inverness and Kirkwall will be co-located with the Doppler Very High Frequency Omni-Range (DVOR) at each airport providing both airports with cutting-edge technology in aviation navigation tools.

SELEX Systems Integration's DME has a field-proven performance record for en-route and precision approach landing applications. Available in low power (1118A) and high power (1119A) configurations, the SELEX DME offers highly reliable operation, advanced performance, and ease of maintenance. They also interface with any Instrument Landing System (ILS) and VHF Omni-Directional Range (VOR) systems available today, and meet or exceed ICAO Annex 10 Standards.

This contract follows on from other Air Traffic Management (ATM) contracts recently won by SELEX Systems Integration. These include airport projects for Bristol, Jersey, Isle of Man and Southend.

HIAL chose SELEX Systems Integration as the preferred supplier after the company demonstrated a flexible approach and assurance that the equipment would meet the regulator's strict safety standards

Highlands & Islands Airports Ltd Head of Operations, Robin MacRae, said: "After a competitive tendering process, we are very pleased to have appointed SELEX Systems Integration for the replacement of DMEs at Kirkwall and Inverness. HIAL operates and manages 11 airports across Scotland including Barra, Benbecula, Campbeltown, Dundee, Islay, Inverness, Kirkwall, Stornoway, Sumburgh, Tiree and Wick. Our airports are vital to the social and economic welfare of these areas, and robust and reliable navigational aids are essential to maintain safe and effective operations."

SELEX Systems Integration CEO, Michael Clayforth-Carr, added: "We are excited to be introducing our DME to the UK aviation market, and extending the portfolio of SELEX Systems Integration's products in operation in the UK. Throughout 2011 we have been working with airports across the British Isles to enhance their ATM capability, and we look forward to helping HIAL meet their strategic objectives."

Further information

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SELEX Systems Integration Ltd is a Solution Architect and Systems Integration business. As the UK subsidiary of SELEX Sistemi Integrati SpA, the company represents a 4,500 strong organisation dedicated to delivering innovative, bespoke solutions for the Security, Defence and Transportation markets. The company has more than 50 years' experience in the integration of large and complex systems; delivering solutions that improve front-line capability, secure national borders, and protect the Critical National Infrastructure and international Major Events. Our capabilities include: the provision of air defence systems; networked Intelligence Systems; command battlefield management; integrated naval combat systems; land mission systems; air traffic control; and coastal and maritime surveillance. We are backed by Finmeccanica, one of the world's largest technology companies, with a turnover of more than €18 billion and 73,000 employees worldwide.