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***Thales Systems Canada wins \$2.1 Million Contract for
Trinidad & Tobago Civil Aviation Authority Communications System***

Thales Systems Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, today announced that it has been awarded a \$2.1 million contract through the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to provide a High Frequency Communications System for the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

The contract is for a system which includes high power, high frequency radio transmitters, receiving equipment, antennas, selective calling (SELCAL) equipment and a remote control subsystem which will be installed at Piarco International Airport near Port of Spain, Trinidad. The system will be used to provide medium to long range aeronautical air-ground voice and data communications within the Piarco Flight Information Region (FIR). Piarco FIR, an airspace in which civil aviation is administered by the CAA, extends over an area of 2 million square kilometres.

Thales Systems Canada is the prime contractor and has overall, turnkey responsibility for the project. Thales will carry out the design, acquire all necessary equipment from its subcontractors, conduct factory acceptance tests at its Ottawa facility, and lead the site acceptance test program. The project also includes operator and maintainer training and technical publications. Thales Communications Limited of Crawley, U.K. will manufacture the transmitter and receivers. Indocom Limited of Trinidad will assist with local subcontracting and after sales support. The schedule calls for the system to be ready for acceptance by the Civil Aviation Authority and ICAO in 13 months.

ICAO is the specialized agency of the United Nations that sets international standards and regulations for the safety, security, efficiency and regularity of global air transport. It serves as the medium for cooperation in all fields of civil aviation among its 188 Contracting States. ICAO's Headquarters is located at 999 University Street in Montreal, Quebec.

Thales, one of the world's largest defence electronics company, has major facilities throughout Europe, including France, the United Kingdom and the Netherlands. The company is also present in Australia, North America, South Africa, and the Far East. The Group employs 65,000 persons worldwide and has annual revenues of \$14 billion (Canadian). In Canada, Thales has seven operating companies located in the Maritimes, Quebec, and Ontario. These companies employ approximately 300 persons and earn annual revenues of approximately \$225 million. Since 1980, Thales has invested over \$50 million towards the growth of its Canadian subsidiaries.

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