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NATS puts Scottish Frequentis Voice Switch into operation

As planned, NATS successfully transitioned the Frequentis VCS into operational service on the 1st December 2001, at the Scottish Oceanic and Area Control Centre (ScOACC) located at Prestwick.

The 3020X system supplied comprises 50 working positions for Military and Civil operator positions. A full range of telephone and radio interfaces are provided including one for the proposed New Scottish Centre (NSC). Contract award was placed back in November 1999 and site acceptance was back in April of 2001.

NATS operates two area control centres at Prestwick in Ayrshire. The Scottish Area Control Centre (SACC) handles aircraft flying in the Scottish Flight Information Region, an area that stretches from north of a line from Carlisle to Newcastle to near the Faroe Islands including Northern Ireland and the surrounding seas. The Oceanic Area Control Centre (OACC) provides air traffic management to aircraft flying over the eastern part of the North Atlantic from the south of Iceland to north of the Azores.

Military controllers at ScOACC provide services to civil and military aircraft operating outside controlled airspace in the Scottish FIR. The military controllers work closely with civilian controllers to ensure safe co-ordination of traffic.

Frequentis reaches an important milestone in the UK in 2002, as its subsidiary Frequentis UK marks its tenth successful year of operation. In the past six months Frequentis have also supplied Bristol International Airport with a similar switch, bringing the total number of Frequentis Voice Control positions in the UK to nearly 400. Making up that figure are seven UK airports, two ATC centres and three Military projects utilising Frequentis technologies.

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