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## GCAA and FREQUENTIS announce collaborative commitment towards pioneering air navigation in the UAE

Reinforced partnership reflects the complementary contributions GCAA and Frequentis bring to the aviation community

Frequentis, the leading international supplier of communication and information solutions, and the General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA), the sole authority for the control and regulation of civil aviation in the UAE, have today announced the establishment of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to support current and future developments in airspace management.

The MoU will establish a general working arrangement between the pair, in order to strengthen GCAA's position as a leading organisation within the air traffic control (ATC) domain, while reinforcing Frequentis' role in providing systems that ensure the efficient and safe management of airspace. Key topics for the growth of the partnership will address the enhancement of future flight planning, the interoperability of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) and research to identify and develop Air Navigation Service capabilities.

"The GCAA is always keen to strengthen our partnership with industry leaders like Frequentis to explore new eras of innovations and excellence in Air Navigation Services. Through this agreement, we will exchange our knowledge and experiences and work together to strengthen our position as a regional and global leader." Says H.E. Saif Mohammed Al Suwaidi, Director General of UAE General Civil Aviation Authority.

"The agreement between Frequentis and GCAA highlights the organisations' unified commitments to a collaborative roadmap that will allow knowledge transfer, enhanced capabilities and prototypes developments." said Ahmed AI Jallaf, Assistant Director General of ANSP in the GCAA.

Under the strengthened partnership, a commitment to develop a Collaborative Air Traffic Flow Management C-ATFM, to enable essential improvements for future flight planning in the region according to the needs of all stakeholders will be established. Additionally, the pair will work together on the implementation of an unmanned traffic management (UTM) data exchange platform that will ensure interoperability with current and future ATM system components, with the aim of creating a blueprint for the Middle East region and beyond.



"We are proud to be strengthening our partnership with GCAA, demonstrating our commitment to aligning our strategic objectives, enabling the continuous development of pioneering air navigation services in the UAE and neighbouring regions.", says Norbert Haslacher, CEO Frequentis AG.

The first step of the partnership will establish a regional user group to discuss the evolution of the AIM roadmap, in order for the GCAA to enhance and adapt its AIM system capabilities, to meet future requirements. Together, Frequentis and the GCAA will continuously develop air navigation service standards and prototypes focusing on the implementation of SWIM-enabled applications and services.



<u>Caption:</u> Norbert Haslacher, CEO Frequentis AG and H.E. Saif Mohammed Al Suwaidi, Director General of UAE General Civil Aviation Authority sign MoU in Montreal. <u>Copyright 1:</u> Frequentis



## About General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA)

The General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA) was created in 1996 to oversee and regulate all aspects of civil aviation in the UAE. Specifically, the GCAA is solely responsible for creating regulation and legislation, organizing and monitoring safety & security, providing air navigation and support services, air accident investigations and facilitating air connectivity and international cooperation in civil aviation. The UAE is at the forefront of international safety cooperation and actively involved in ICAO's committees to advance global aviation safety efforts. The UAE is ranked as the top ICAO member state in compliance level with ICAO requirements under the USOAP Programme. Sheikh Zayed Air Navigation Centre is the national ANSP fully equipped with advanced and modern technologies and capable to handle the country's busy and complex airspace.

## About FREQUENTIS

Frequentis is an international supplier of communication and information systems for control centres with safety-critical tasks. These control centre solutions are developed and distributed by Frequentis in the business segments Air Traffic Management (civil and military air traffic control, and air defence) and Public Safety & Transport (police, fire and rescue services, emergency medical services, vessel traffic and railways). Frequentis maintains a worldwide network of subsidiaries and local representatives in more than fifty countries. The company's products and solutions are behind more than 25,000 operator positions in almost 140 countries. With this extensive portfolio, Frequentis is the leading provider of voice communication systems... all making our world a safer place every day!

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