

Uruguay enhances performance of its ground communication infrastructure with FREQUENTIS smartMessenger

The Directorate National of Civil Aviation in Uruguay (DINACIA) has selected Frequentis California Inc. to upgrade its ATS Message Handling System (AMHS) to enhance its data exchange capabilities. The Frequentis smartMessenger system, operational since 1999, has been regularly updated, in line with aviation requirements; the latest upgrade will include the ability for digital data exchange and the support of the latest ICAO weather data format (IWXXM) as mandated by ICAO.

Uruguay plays an important role for aviation in Latin America, being a key hub for the region. Carrasco International, the country's largest airport, has been cited as one of the most efficient and traveller-friendly airports in this region. With the AMHS upgrade project, DINACIA is enhancing its ground communication infrastructure, allowing for improved data exchange.

“Having experienced great performance, technical expertise and an excellent working relationship over the years, the choice for AMHS market-leader Frequentis was clear. With the upgrade of our existing system, we can enhance our data exchange capabilities and contribute to enhancing the safety and efficiency of our services” says Gaetano Battagliese, Director General at DINACIA.

DINACIA has been operating Frequentis smartMessenger since 1999 with the system being upgraded in 2004 to support the AMHS (X.400) message format. DINACIA once again contracted Frequentis to upgrade the system to the latest release of smartMessenger, along with the support for the exchange of digital weather information as well as the conversion between Traditional Alphanumeric Codes (TAC) and IWXXM.

The contract provides the implementation of a turnkey system including the supply of all hardware components, application software and services. The software will be hosted in a virtual environment. The servers, installed at the Area Control Centre (ACC) in Montevideo, will be connected to 33 user terminals operated throughout the country.

“I am pleased that DINACIA has once again chosen to partner with Frequentis to provide a critical component of its ground communication infrastructure, now capable of exchanging digital data with domestic and international partners,” says John Fort, CEO at Frequentis California.

With this contract, market-leader Frequentis further extends its AMHS footprint in Latin America and is strengthening the company's position as market leader in the region. Frequentis' message handling system supports all the message formats and conversions used for aeronautical ground communication including the tools required for the migration to system wide information management (SWIM).

About FREQUENTIS

Frequentis, headquartered in Vienna, is a global supplier of communication and information systems for control centres with safety-critical tasks. Such 'control centre solutions' are developed and marketed by Frequentis in the business sectors Air Traffic Management (civil and military air traffic control, air defence) and Public Safety & Transport (police, fire brigade, ambulance services, shipping, railways). As a global player, Frequentis operates a worldwide network of branches, subsidiaries, and local representatives in more than 50 countries. Products and solutions from Frequentis can be found in over 40,000 operator working positions and in more than 150 countries.

Founded in 1947, Frequentis considers itself to be the global market leader in voice communication systems for air traffic control with a market share of around 30%. In addition, the Frequentis Group's AIM (aeronautical information management) and AMHS (aeronautical message handling) systems, as well as GSM-R dispatcher working positions for Public Transport are industry leading solutions.

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About FREQUENTIS California

Established in 2010, Frequentis California is a wholly owned subsidiary of Frequentis AG. Frequentis California focus on providing systems to enhance ground communication infrastructure and the management of weather information.

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