Press Release

Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport ready for expected growth with FREQUENTIS digital tower solution

- First controller-to-pilot IP Voice Communication in the United States
- The Frequentis integrated digital tower solution will increase controller efficiency in support of air traffic growth and is compliant with ED-137 standard
- The modernised tower houses eight controller working positions, supporting expected growth to the region

Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Tower has been replaced by a new tower fitted with an integrated digital tower solution from Frequentis. The digital tower solution consists of an IP voice communication solution, featuring the ED-137 standard, integrated recording and digital terminal information and weather services, ensuring controllers have modern, digital solutions to support the additional growth expected to the region, including space for eight controllers.

Gateway Airport's previous control tower was built in 1970 when the airport was known as Williams Air Force Base, serving as a training ground for Air Force pilots. As a commercial airport the air traffic control tower was not big enough to support the airports three 10,000-foot runways. The U.S. Representative Greg Stanton, D-Arizona, said the new tower was "an essential investment" and will "help it become an even more forceful economic engine for the East Valley and Arizona."

Upon completion the tower has been named after John McCain III, the late U.S. senator from Arizona.

“We appreciate our long-lasting relationship with Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport and are a proud partner supporting the airport’s future with our integrated tower solution providing the flexibility needed to safely scale from current operation into the future. The project is also significant as it marks the first VCS connecting to IP radios using the ED-137 standard, also adopted by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) going live into the US,” says Leonard Swiontek, President Frequentis USA.

About FREQUENTIS USA

Founded in 1999, Frequentis USA has its headquarters in Columbia, Maryland, and benefits from a 45,000 sq. ft. facility. The ISO 9001:2015 certified company designs, builds, integrates and provides round the clock support for communications systems, ATC legal recording, and information systems for the FAA, NASA, the Department of Defense, and Public Safety organizations in state and local governments.

About FREQUENTIS

Frequentis is a global supplier of communication and information systems for control centres with safety-critical tasks. The listed family-run company develops and markets its “control centre solutions” in the Air Traffic Management segment.
(civil and military air traffic control, air defence) and the Public Safety & Transport segment (police, fire brigades, emergency rescue services, coastguards, port authorities, railways). With a market share of 30%, Frequentis is the world market leader in voice communication systems for air traffic control. Frequentis is also the global leader in aeronautical information management and aeronautical message handling systems.

As a global player with around 2,000 employees (full-time equivalents/FTE), Frequentis has a global network of companies in more than 50 countries. Its head office is in Vienna, Austria. Frequentis’ products, services, and solutions are used at more than 40,000 operator working positions in around 150 countries. Shares in Frequentis are traded on the Vienna and Frankfurt stock exchanges; ISIN: ATFREQUENT09, WKN: A2PHG5. In 2021, revenues were EUR 333.5 million and EBIT was EUR 29.0 million.

Wherever Frequentis’ systems are used, safety-critical operators bear responsibility for the safety of other people and goods. The company also works towards a more sustainable future through its air traffic optimisation solutions.

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