



Thales to unveil Next Generation Topseries System at the 2010 Aircraft Interiors show

May 18, 2010 – Aircraft Interiors, HAMBURG – Thales, a leader in In-Flight Entertainment (IFE) and connectivity systems, announced that it will introduce its new and advanced IFE platform at Hamburg's 2010 Aircraft Interiors show. The system embraces best in class technologies and industrial design making it a high performance, weight efficient, visually attractive product. The digital head-end requires less space with fewer servers each storing over one terabyte of data. At the seat, passenger screens sizes will range up to 32 inches with high definition capability and fast processing power.

Demonstrating an industry first capability, Thales will feature at the show the new 12.1" display integrated into a highly stylized economy class seat. The innovation behind this seat integration design offers unique features such as its tilt mechanism. The system also includes an intelligent touch screen passenger control unit. This device unlike any other controller enriches the flying experience by enabling passengers to link to personalized onboard services. *"We are very excited by the launch of this new product. Our technical and marketing teams have really come up with an outstanding solution for airlines and their passengers,"* said Alan Pellegrini, Vice President and General Manager of Thales's In-Flight Entertainment Systems business.

Visit Thales at Aircraft Interiors Expo, booth B620.

About Thales

Thales is a global technology leader for the Aerospace and Space, Defence, Security and Transportation markets. In 2009, the company generated revenues of 12.9 billion euros with 68,000 employees in 50 countries. With its 25,000 engineers and researchers, Thales has a unique capability to design, develop and deploy equipment, systems and services that meet the most complex security requirements. Thales has an exceptional international footprint, with operations around the world working with customers as local partners.

For more information about Thales In-Flight Entertainment Systems visit www.thales-ifs.com .

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