

Wataniya Airways to fly with Thales's In-Flight Entertainment system on its Airbus Single Aisle aircraft

Neuilly-sur-Seine, 17 February 2009 – Thales, a leader in In-Flight Entertainment systems, is pleased to announce that Kuwait-based airline Wataniya Airways has selected Thales's TopSeries system for 9 new Airbus A320 aircraft, the first of which was delivered in January 2009. During their flights, First Class travelers will be able to enjoy on-demand entertainment featuring a wide range of video and audio selections, interactive map and games. The very latest news, weather forecasts and key destination information will also be available.

“Our airline is a full service luxury carrier and our aim is to provide our guests attractive and practical entertainment options. Our cabin interior was carefully planned with Thales's TopSeries system as a key component to our total offering, said George Cooper, CEO of Wataniya Airways. “In the First Class cabin, each passenger will have in their seat a 10.6 inch widescreen display and will also be able to plug in their personal electronic devices such as laptops.”

“We appreciate Wataniya Airways' plan to provide passengers a high degree of comfort, style and service. The TopSeries system will certainly cater to both leisure and business travelers that spend a lot of time traveling, and I anticipate that passengers will be very satisfied,” said Alan Pellegrini, Vice President and General Manager of Thales's In-Flight Entertainment systems business.

Note to editors

Thales IFE systems

Thales entered the In-Flight Entertainment (IFE) business in the late 90s and today employs 700 + dedicated professionals with decades of IFE experience. Its IFE headquarter office is located in California with regional offices in France, China and Singapore. Thales is the fastest growing IFE supplier with over 1,000 aircraft commitments in just 5 years. Thales offers a comprehensive in-flight entertainment solution covering four main areas:

- TopSeries In-Flight Entertainment systems
- TopConnect Suite of Connectivity Solutions
- TopEffects Digital Media and Services
- ToServices Global Service and Support

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

About Thales

Thales is a leading international electronics and systems group, addressing defence, aerospace and security markets worldwide. Thales's leading-edge technology is supported by 22,500 R&D engineers who offer a capability unmatched in Europe to develop and deploy field-proven mission-critical information systems. To this end, the group's civil and military businesses develop in parallel and share a common base of technologies to serve a single objective: the security of people, property and nations. The group builds its growth on its unique multi-domestic strategy based on trusted partnerships with national customers and market players, while leveraging its global expertise to support local technology and industrial development. Thales employs 68,000 people in 50 countries with 2007 revenues of €12.3 billion.

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About Wataniya Airways

Has its corporate headquarters in Kuwait International Airport, Kuwait. The airline was founded in 2005 and received an Air Operators Certificate in July 2008. It has started services with two Airbus A320s in 2009 and will provide flights from Kuwait City to destinations across the Gulf and wider Middle East. The A320 aircraft will have a dual-cabin configuration composed of first and premium economy sections.

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