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## INEO E&S and SITTI with ASECNA for a safer sky!

**In the frame of an international tender procedure, ASECNA has recently awarded the consortium composed of INEO E&S (prime contractor), a company of EQUANS France, and SITTI (co-contractor) a contract for three full-IP En-Route Voice Communications Switching systems. These equipments are to be deployed in the Air Traffic Control Centres and the International Airports of Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso), Brazzaville (Congo Brazzaville) and Niamey (Niger).**

This Programme includes for each of the three sites a main VCS, a main/backup seamless commuting equipment and an ultimate fallback VCS.

The system is fault-tolerant, i.e., without any single point of failure, and includes built-in VoIP ED-137 and Climax/BSS features. Each system includes 16 Controller Working Positions (CWP) and 3 lookout positions to provide controllers with an easy and intuitive access to all radio and telephone facilities as required to safely accomplish their mission for making flights safer.

The entire Programme is managed by INEO E&S over the design, manufacturing and deployment phases, integrated logistics support with factory and on-site training sessions, warranty, and life-cycle support.

The main VCS will be built from the state of the art full-IP ED-137 be-safe.com® AIRvoice® product, designed and manufactured by Ineo E&S, which is already operational on 16 ASECNA sites. As for the backup VCS, they will be based on the full-IP ED-137 MULTIFONO® M800IP® product, designed and manufactured by SITTI.

*“We are proud to contribute with ASECNA to this safety challenging Project. The three new AIRvoice VCS delivery is in line with our field-proven experience for the 17 AIRvoice VCS, the 17 VSAT hubs and 43 VSAT stations dedicated to ATM Telecommunications and many other ATM systems already operating at ASECNA for 30 years.” as declared by Mr. Emmanuel BARTHOUX, General Director of INEO E&S, entity of EQUANS France.*

*“The contribution of SITTI to this important project is another significant step for SITTI to actively support the modernisation of the ATC (Air Traffic Control) infrastructure in Western Africa, with the target of ensuring safer routes and providing local ANSPs with*

*top edge technological solutions to their needs”* commented Roberto Weger, Communications Manager at SITTI.

*"Delivery to ASECNA of these first main and back-up VCS configurations is a major step to the development of very high safety ATC projects avoiding single point of failure over the 6 En-Route Flight Areas controlled by ASECNA. This Project demonstrates ASECNA struggle and ambition to reinforce the Airspace safety over the entire Continent in line with my vision for a unified and safer African sky."* declared Mr Mohamed Moussa, General Director of ASECNA.

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**About ASECNA**

ASECNA (Agence pour la Sécurité de la Navigation Aérienne en Afrique et à Madagascar, i.e. the Agency for Air Navigation Safety in Africa and Madagascar) is an international public organization composed of 18 Member States. Created in 1959 and based in Dakar, Senegal, the ASECNA mission is to provide air navigation services, aeronautical information services and aeronautical meteorology services to the 16.5 million km<sup>2</sup>-airspace under the jurisdiction of its Member States and the oceanic airspace in central Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Guinea and Indian Ocean.

**About INEO E&S (a company of EQUANS)**

Our company is a turn-key solutions integrator and a product designer for ANSPs and Airports worldwide since 40+ years. INEO E&S delivers green energy, telecommunications, networks, lighting systems, safety infrastructures, remote towers, and ATM products such as AIRvoice VCS, AIRrecord recorder, AIRtouch ITWP, AIRatis. INEO E&S is the world leader for VSAT systems dedicated to ATM surveillance and communications, such as the ones recently delivered to ASECNA and Egypt.

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**About EQUANS**

EQUANS is the world leader in multi-technical services with 74,000 employees, in 17 country hubs and an annual turnover of over 12 billion euros.

EQUANS designs, installs and provides customised solutions to improve the technical equipments, systems and processes of its clients and to optimize their use through their energy, industrial and digital transitions. Thanks to a strong territorial footprint through historical local brands and an excellent technical know-how in their clients' businesses, EQUANS' highly-qualified experts are able to support territories, cities, industries, buildings in HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning), Cooling and Fire protection, Facility Management, Digital & ICT, Electrical, Mechanical & Robotics.

EQUANS is the number one company on the main European markets (France, Belgium, the Netherlands and the UK) and is also well ranked in the US and in Latin America. EQUANS is a separate entity of ENGIE.

### **About ENGIE**

Our group is a global reference in low-carbon energy and services. Together with our 170,000 employees, our customers, partners and stakeholders, we are committed to accelerate the transition towards a carbon-neutral world, through reduced energy consumption and more environmentally-friendly solutions. Inspired by our purpose (“raison d’être”), we reconcile economic performance with a positive impact on people and the planet, building on our key businesses (gas, renewable energy, services) to offer competitive solutions to our customers. Turnover in 2021: 57.9 billion Euros. The Group is listed on the Paris and Brussels stock exchanges (ENGI) and is represented in the main financial indices (CAC 40, Euronext 100, FTSE Eurotop 100, MSCI Europe) and non-financial indices (DJSI World, DJSI Europe, Euronext Vigeo Eiris - Eurozone 120/ Europe 120/ France 20, MSCI EMU ESG screened, MSCI EUROPE ESG Universal Select, Stoxx Europe 600 ESG, and Stoxx Global 1800 ESG).

### **About SITTI**

SITTI is a private company developing integrated solutions and manufacturing communication systems for mission and safety critical operations, wherever secure, reliable and controlled communication is required. Since 75 years SITTI is a world primary system supplier and integrator of operational and technical solutions for Civil and Military agencies and organisations, air traffic control centres, military strategic and tactical command centres, railways and harbour traffic management, public services, emergency control centres, operations rooms. SITTI contact: Roberto WEGER - [roberto.weger@sitti.it](mailto:roberto.weger@sitti.it)