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The European Satellite Services Provider (ESSP) certified as Air Navigation Service Provider

On past July the 12th the French National Supervisory Authority (NSA) has delivered to the company **ESSP SAS** a certificate of Air Navigation Service Provider according to the Single European Sky Regulation 2096/2005. This certification is a prerequisite for ESSP to provide Navigation Services to airspace users.

The certification gives evidence of compliance of the ESSP to the criteria necessary to safely provide air navigation services.

The certification has been conducted by the Direction de la Sécurité de l'Aviation Civile (DSAC), which is part of the French Direction Générale de l'Aviation Civile (DGAC) in cooperation with the national supervisory authorities of Belgium, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, and United Kingdom. It consisted of documentation review and a series of on- site audits in order to assess compliance of ESSP organization, its staff and its technical equipment with the European Safety Requirements, and with the International Civil Aviation Organization Standards.

- Upon this Certification on August 2nd the ESSP will remove the message 0 (*Do Not Use in aviation*) from the EGNOS Signal (after the acceptance by the French NSA); enabling at a first step the use of EGNOS for en- route and lateral guidance approaches (LNAV).
- After an operational period of 3 months, the EC will declare the Safety of life (SoL) service available to the aviation community, enabling the publication of precision approach procedures with vertical and lateral navigation guidance (APV) based on EGNOS. At that time European air navigation service providers will be in position to implement satellite based precision approaches without needing ground equipment on the airport, and with performances similar to those of the Instrument Landing System (ILS cat. I) currently used in the world.

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