Adacel Technologies Limited (Adacel or the Company) is pleased to announce that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has awarded an eight year contract extension to the Lockheed Martin Corporation for the Advanced Technologies & Oceanic Procedures (ATOP) Program, commencing 1 August 2013 and expiring on 31 July 2021.

Adacel’s collaboration with the Lockheed Martin Corporation on the ATOP program will also continue under the eight year contract extension.

The FAA’s ATOP Program has been designed to enhance air traffic operational efficiency and safety within the vast US-controlled oceanic air spaces of the Atlantic and Pacific. The systems are fully operational at the FAA’s New York, Oakland and Anchorage Oceanic Air Route Traffic Control Centres. Over the eight year extension, comprising a one base year and seven option years, Adacel anticipates total revenue in excess of US$75 million.

The ATOP system utilises Adacel’s Aurora air traffic management software and is comprised of hardware and software components that provide an automated platform to support air traffic control operations. The system enables significant gains in safety, efficiency, air space capacity and environmental compatibility.

Adacel’s key contribution lies in the design and maintenance of critical software for 4D profile protection, automated conflict detection, dynamic airspace allocation, automated coordination between centres and controller pilot data link communications. The Aurora software provides crucial data and alerts to controllers to improve airspace efficiency and safety in oceanic and mixed surveillance/non-surveillance airspaces.

“Adacel has worked closely with Lockheed Martin throughout the ATOP Program and we are pleased to continue our combined efforts toward advancing ATM safety and efficiency.” Seth Brown, CEO of Adacel

In addition to the ATOP Program, Adacel’s Aurora ATM technology is in wide use in airspaces controlled by Portugal, Fiji, Iceland and New Zealand. In January this year Adacel was also awarded a contract by Norway’s Avinor to provide a new ATM system for managing air traffic in the Bodo Oceanic Flight Information Region.

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