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Airbus and SITA Join Forces to provide Advanced Cybersecurity Services for Air Transport Industry

New offer to allow immediate detection and remedial action

Dubai, 3 April 2017 – Airbus and SITA have launched new Security Operations Center Services customized for the specific needs of the air transport industry. These new incident detection services will provide airlines, airports and other air transport industry stakeholders with information about unusual cyber activity that may impact their businesses.

All these services have been developed to specifically meet an ever increasing demand for cybersecurity in this industry becoming one of its top priorities. Highlighting the importance of proactive cybersecurity, SITA's [Airline IT Trends Survey 2016](#) shows that 91% of airlines plan to invest in cybersecurity programs over the next three years.

By joining forces SITA and Airbus can provide the most advanced cyber security solution for the air transport industry. Almost every airline and airport in the world is a customer of SITA and it delivers solutions for the world's most extensive communications network. Airbus works with companies, critical national infrastructures, governments and defence organizations to detect, analyze and counter increasingly sophisticated cyberattacks. Together they will use their expertise to detect cyber activity relevant to airlines and airports. In case, the joint Security Operations Center Services will provide appropriate containment and remedial action ensuring that a company's digital assets are safe from attack.

Barbara Dalibard, CEO of SITA, said: "As an industry we need to move faster in developing new cybersecurity solutions that mitigate the risk of ever-changing threats. This requires constant collaboration and innovation. With SITA and Airbus CyberSecurity uniquely placed at the heart of the air transport industry, we can facilitate innovation and information-sharing through services such as the Security Operations Center Service, providing solutions our customers demand and need."

"Air transport is part of the Airbus DNA, so it was only natural that we joined forces with SITA to adapt our innovative cyber security solutions to this new service area, which is experiencing exponential growth," added François Lavaste, Head of Airbus CyberSecurity. "Our standard solution mainly combines real-time monitoring services for applications and communications dedicated to air transport and incident response services."

The joint Airbus and SITA Security Operations Center Service is the first of a new portfolio of cybersecurity products and services being developed by SITA. The portfolio will help airlines and airports identify, detect and react to cyber threats while protecting their company assets from attack.

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In addition to creating a customized portfolio for the industry, SITA in 2016 identified cybersecurity as one of five keys areas where it is exploring new solutions on behalf of its members as well as the wider air transport community.

About Airbus

Airbus is a global leader in aeronautics, space and related services. In 2016, it generated revenues of €67 billion and employed a workforce of around 134,000. Airbus offers the most comprehensive range of passenger airliners from 100 to more than 600 seats. Airbus is also a European leader providing tanker, combat, transport and mission aircraft, as well as Europe's number one space enterprise and the world's second largest space business. In helicopters, Airbus provides the most efficient civil and military rotorcraft solutions worldwide.

About Airbus CyberSecurity

Airbus CyberSecurity, a unit of Airbus Defence and Space, provides companies, critical national infrastructures and government and defence organisations with reliable, high-performance products and services to detect, analyse and respond to increasingly sophisticated cyber attacks.

<https://www.cybersecurity-airbusds.com>

About SITA

SITA is the communications and IT solution provider that transforms air travel through technology for airlines, at airports and on aircraft. The company's portfolio covers everything from managed global communications and infrastructure services, to eAircraft, passenger management, baggage, self-service, airport and border management solutions. Owned 100% by more than 400 air transport industry members, SITA has a unique understanding of its needs and places a strong emphasis on technology innovation.

Nearly every airline and airport in the world does business with SITA and its border management solutions are used by more than 30 governments. With a presence at more than 1,000 airports around the world and a customer service team of 2,000+ staff, SITA delivers unmatched service to more than 2,800 customers in more than 200 countries.

In 2015, SITA had consolidated revenues of US\$1.7 billion. SITA's subsidiaries and joint ventures include [SITAONAIR](#), [CHAMP Cargosystems](#) and [Aviareto](#).

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