## Thales Makes New Connections with Gogo

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HAMBURG, Germany, April 9, 2013 /<u>PRNewswire</u>/ -- Aircraft Interiors Expo – Thales, a leader in In-flight entertainment and connectivity (IFEC) systems and Gogo, the world's leading provider of in-flight connectivity, are delighted to announce a new partnership. The relationship will enable airlines to select a highly integrated, powerful IFEC product that combines Gogo's connectivity solutions with the Thales TopConnect<sup>TM</sup> cabin system.



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Thales and Gogo first partnered to deliver an IFEC solution for a major U.S. airline and are now teaming up to offer line-fit solutions for the global market. The solution will be based on the Thales TopSeries AVANT® platform and will utilize Gogo's connectivity solutions. Gogo currently offers solutions based on Inmarsat's Global Xpress Ka-band satellite service, Ku-satellite and Air-to-Ground (ATG) technologies.

The partnership will combine Gogo's capabilities as an independent service provider and the leader in in-flight connectivity with Thales' excellence in systems design, architecture, integration and support to bring a unique IFEC experience to airlines and their passengers.

"Gogo has both an excellent track record and a technology that harmonizes extremely well with the Thales IFEC platform. It brings two best of breed capabilities together and will give airlines exclusive passenger experiences with an economical and global connection. This gives us the benefit of accessing satellite based connectivity services through Gogo's reseller agreements with its satellite partners as well as Gogo's ATG network where available," said Alan Pellegrini, President and CEO, Thales USA.

"Gogo is focused on delivering the best experience for airlines and passengers and is looking forward to integrating Gogo connectivity services with Thales' leading cabin systems," said Gogo's president and CEO, Michael Small. "As Gogo continues to expand its global footprint and as we get closer to launch with Inmarsat's Global Xpress, we see this as a great opportunity to leverage Thales' international leadership in IFEC platforms."

## About Thales

Thales is a global technology leader for the Defence & Security and the Aerospace & Transportation markets. In 2012, the company generated revenues of  $\pounds$ 14.2 billion with 67,000 employees in 56 countries. With its 25,000 engineers and researchers, Thales has a unique capability to design, develop and deploy equipment, systems and services that meet the most complex security requirements. Thales has an exceptional international footprint, with operations around the world working with customers and local partners. <u>www.thalesgroup.com</u>

For more information about Thales In-Flight Entertainment and Connectivity Systems visit www.thales-ifec.com .

## About Gogo

Gogo is a global leader of in-flight connectivity and a pioneer in wireless in-flight digital entertainment solutions. Using Gogo's exclusive products and services, passengers with Wi-Fi enabled devices can get online on more than 1,800 Gogo equipped commercial aircraft. In-flight connectivity partners include American Airlines, Air Canada, AirTran Airways, Alaska Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Frontier Airlines, US Airways and Virgin America. In-flight entertainment partners include American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Scoot and US Airways.

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