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First FANS Retrofit Certification Achieved

Chicago Jet Group Receives Approval for the Installation of Universal Avionics' UniLink on a Dassault Mystere Falcon 50 with FANS

TUCSON, AZ – Universal Avionics and Chicago Jet Group (CJG) announce that CJG has received the long awaited, first FANS retrofit certification. CJG worked diligently with its partners and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to ensure that the first certified retrofit installation of a FANS 1/A+ / Controller-Pilot Datalink Communications (CPDLC) system over Iridium in a Dassault Mystere Falcon 50 was achieved. Several additional airframes are currently in-process at CJG for FANS retrofit installation and certification.

Chicago Jet Group installed Universal Avionics' UniLink UL-801 Communications Management Unit (CMU) with internal VHF VDL Mode 2 receiver. Interfaced with dual UNS-1Lw Flight Management Systems (FMS) and International Communications Group's (ICG) NxtLink ICS-220A Iridium Satcom, this installation provides the flight crew with a global voice channel and a dedicated datalink channel to support ACARS, FANS 1/A+ messaging and CPDLC. Universal Avionics' CVR-120A Cockpit Voice Recorder (CVR) was also installed for required FANS datalink message recording.

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This installation and certification is a key benefit for the customer, as the aircraft frequently flies in the North Atlantic Track System (NATS). Aircraft equipped and approved for FANS datalink gain access to the most desirable tracks when traveling across the Atlantic, which saves time and fuel. The installed system is also provisioned for the upcoming Eurocontrol Link 2000+ Programme mandates.

Mike Mitera, President of Chicago Jet Group, stated “The certification of this integrated retrofit system in the Falcon 50 entitles international operators to utilize the significant time and cost advantages offered by flying FANS preferred airspace. This solution provides a certified FANS system prior to the first mandate of February 5, 2015.”

“Universal Avionics proudly recognizes Chicago Jet Group’s efforts, working diligently to achieve the first FANS/CPDLC retrofit STC,” said Bruce Bunevich, Universal Avionics’ Great Lakes Regional Sales Manager. “We will continue to work together to provide NextGen avionics solutions for additional airframes,” he added.

Chicago Jet Group completes the turn-key FANS/CPDLC suite of services by offering training through their KOBEV International Inc. affiliate.

For more information regarding Universal Avionics’ installed equipment, visit www.uasc.com/products or contact a Universal Avionics Regional Sales Manager.

About Chicago Jet Group

Chicago Jet Group operates a Class 4 Part 145 Repair Station, focusing on the installation and certification of NextGen avionics technology in Part 25 aircraft, in addition to providing airframe and engine maintenance. Contact Chicago Jet Group at www.chicagojetgroup.com; email: info@chicagojetgroup.com; Phone: 630-466-3600.

About Universal Avionics

Universal Avionics manufactures and markets an extensive line of advanced avionics equipment. Product lines include the UNS-1 SBAS-enabled (WAAS) Flight Management Systems; the EFI-890R/890H Advanced Flight Display; a line of Integrated Cockpit Displays; Vision-1® Synthetic Vision System; Terrain Awareness and Warning System; UniLink® Communications Management Unit; Radio Control Units; Cockpit Voice and Flight Data Recorders; Attitude Heading Reference System (AHRS); and the Application Server Unit which integrates charts, electronic documents and checklists with displays systems. For more information about Universal Avionics, visit www.uasc.com.