

Royal Flying Doctor Service Selects IndigoSat for Aircraft Management

Nov 2009, Sydney AUSTRALIA - IndigoSat Pty Ltd, a global provider of aircraft fleet management solutions using satellite communication, today announced that the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) in Central and South Australia has selected IndigoSat to provide flight tracking and text communication services for its fleet of Pilatus PC-12 turboprop aircraft.

The new equipment will streamline fleet management and enhance the security of the aircraft and its occupants, while improving communication capabilities between the aircraft in-flight and RFDS personnel on the ground.

The RFDS are rolling out the Indigo One management system, which also features real-time flight following, text-based bi-directional communication, together with flight data recording.

"The use of the IndigoSat systems will allow the RFDS to schedule aircraft even more efficiently, further underlining the confidence the community has in our service," said Barrie Hocking, General Manager of Aviation/Operations for RFDS Central Operations (SA/NT).

"Always knowing where our aircraft are brings peace-of-mind, and improves an already high level of aviation safety in our organization," added Mr Hocking.

The IndigoSat solutions additionally provide detailed management reports, enabling accurate flight statistics to be recorded and automatically incorporated in billing systems, maintenance tracking software, and can greatly improve efficiency in the management of the aircraft's operation.

In Central and South Australia alone, the RFDS last year conducted more than 13,000 flights - 35 each day - and flew more than 4.5 million kilometers to carry out aeromedical evacuations and remote primary health clinics in the region.

"As an Australian company, offering an Australian-designed and manufactured product, IndigoSat is delighted to have been selected by a uniquely and highly-respected Australian organization such as the Royal Flying Doctor Service," says Andrew Burton, Managing Director of IndigoSat.

"The RFDS decision has followed several months of careful analysis and testing of various systems, and we are extremely proud that the 'Flying Doctor' has concluded that the Indigo One is the best option for their extensive operations." added Mr Burton.

The installation of the systems in the RFDS Central Operations fleet is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

About RFDS: The Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia (RFDS) is a not-for-profit organization which provides 24-hour emergency aeromedical and primary health care services to those who live, work and travel throughout Australia. The largest and most comprehensive aeromedical organization in the world, the RFDS has a fleet of 53 aircraft operating from 21 aviation bases across Australia, and provides the finest care to more than 250,000 people every year – that's one person every two minutes. Visit www.flyingdoctor.org.au for more information.

About IndigoSat: IndigoSat is a leading global supplier of aviation-specific management systems, with a current fleet of over 700 aircraft worldwide. With an increased requirement for real-time information for decision-making, our systems provide a reliable platform for following and managing the movement of any aircraft. Visit www.indigosat.com or contact info@indigosat.com for more information.