BAA of United Kingdom Purchases Strategic Planning System from Boeing Subsidiary Preston Aviation Solutions

Preston Aviation Solutions Pty Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of The Boeing Company, today announced the award of a contract to provide UK-based airport operator, BAA plc, with Gate Planning Solutions, a product of Preston's comprehensive Airport Solutions suite. Gate Planning Solutions provides Preston customers with a powerful tool for detailed planning, optimization and "what-if" analysis on aircraft parking positions (stands) and gates. It can be combined with Preston's other fully-integrated products in the Airport Solutions suite to optimize the real-time allocation and advanced planning of airport resources.

Gate Planning Solutions will be installed at BAA's London airports: Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted. It will provide a tool for reviewing stand capacity in the short, medium and long term and assess the impact major developments will have on stand capacity.

"BAA understands the critical importance of planning its use of airport resources, and we are pleased that they have chosen our Gate Planning Solutions product to fill their need in the resource planning mission," said Paul Gargett, chief executive officer of Preston.

"Gate Planning Solutions will help BAA assess strategies for stand allocation, not only for current airport configurations, but also for future developments such as Heathrow's Terminal 5," said Ian Simpson, Preston's European Business Development manager. "BAA's contract further strengthens our large business base in Europe, and confirms confidence in our understanding of the resource planning mission of airports worldwide."

As developers of state-of-the-art aviation management software, Preston helps customers worldwide increase efficiency, capacity and safety through integrated simulation, decision support and scheduling solutions. Preston has developed advanced optimization and visualization technology, as well as industry expertise to meet the needs of its customers through innovative software systems and consulting services. Headquartered in Melbourne, Australia, the company also maintains offices in London, Washington D.C. and Atlanta.

Preston Aviation Solutions is a unit of Boeing Air Traffic Management, which is developing revolutionary concepts to significantly increase capacity and enhance safety of the air traffic system while retaining affordability for all users.

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