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## **UK regulatory authority approves OSyS' ETL as primary tech-log system on BA CityFlyer fleet**



Reston, Va. – March 4, 2010 – BA CityFlyer, a subsidiary of British Airways, has been granted approval by the UK regulatory authority to deploy the electronic technical log (ETL) from Optimized Systems and Solutions (OSyS) as the primary tech-log system on the carrier's recently-purchased fleet of 11 regional jets. The approval comes just four months after BA CityFlyer selected OSyS' ETL solution for deployment on its fleet.

Prior to seeking regulatory approval, BA CityFlyer conducted trials involving the parallel use of its paper technical log and OSyS' ETL on its existing fleet. The airline moved forward to the approval based on the quick success of the ETL.

Having proven the viability of the ETL and received regulatory approval, BA CityFlyer has removed the traditional, bulky paper technical log from the first aircraft delivered for its new fleet and will use electronic tech-log capability exclusively in their operation.

"Achieving the project milestones of completing successful trials and gaining regulatory approval with OSyS' ETL solution as quickly as we did is very significant," said Carl McNally, general manager of operations and engineering for BA CityFlyer. "First, our crews benefited from the shortened period in which they had to complete both paper and electronic the logs at each turnaround. Also, because it allows us to introduce the ETL solution in tandem with the roll-out of our recently-acquired aircraft, we will be realizing the benefits of the ETL use – reduced costs, improved operational efficiency and increased availability of maintenance information – much sooner."

"The ability to rapidly deploy our ETL solution enables OSyS to deliver benefits to our customers much sooner," said Mark Goodhind, director of customer business - fleet optimization solutions for OSyS. "As a leader in the development and implementation of electronic flight bag (EFB) technology and applications, we know the importance of a successful ETL solution in helping airline operators meet the difficult challenges of today's economic climate. The ETL provides better data faster, reduces the overhead costs and inconvenience of paper logs, and supplies more accurate aircraft data, resulting in improved performance and increased availability and reliability of aircraft across BA CityFlyer's fleet."

The electronic technical log is one application of OSyS' EFB, which integrates aircraft data with ground processes to improve aircraft availability and reduce operational costs. By replacing the paper technical logs and associated manual processes most commonly used by airlines, the ETL enables more accurate entries and data tracking, as well as cutting the time required for the logging process. In addition, the ETL provides a proactive, near-real-time link between flight and maintenance operations. With this information, maintenance operations can be prepared to initiate repairs rapidly, saving time and minimizing impact to airline schedules.

## Notes to Editors:

1. BA CityFlyer has deployed Class 1 ETLs, which are portable, and not attached to the aircraft or aircraft systems.
2. BA CityFlyer is a subsidiary of British Airways (BA). The CityFlyer fleet operates short-haul jetliners on flights from London City Airport to other U.K. and European destinations. British Airways is a full service global airline, offering year-round low fares with an extensive global route network flying to and from centrally-located airports. For more information, please visit the British Airways web site at [www.ba.com](http://www.ba.com).
3. Optimized Systems and Solutions (OSyS), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Rolls-Royce plc, delivers software and services that reduce operating costs and optimize the availability of high-value equipment. OSyS solutions use customers' asset-related data to enhance business performance.
4. OSyS achieved the world's first full-fleet deployment of an electronic flight bag technical log solution for airlines. The EFB solution integrates aircraft data with ground processes, contributing to enhanced operational efficiency, achievement of a paperless environment, and in some cases, improved on-time performance.
5. OSyS' software engineering and information technology expertise, combined with extensive domain knowledge and proven processes, enables customers to be more proactive, make more-informed decisions and prevent costly problems. OSyS also helps customers reduce risk to ensure safe, compliant and profitable operations and enjoy a predictive edge.
6. With more than 400 employees in the US, UK and Qatar, OSyS delivers consultancy, solution-driven and managed services to customers in more than 100 countries. For more information, please visit the OSyS web site at [www.o-sys.com](http://www.o-sys.com).

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