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NetLine SP from Lufthansa Systems optimizes resource management for smaller airlines

Leading planning solution including hosting significantly reduces IT costs

With NetLine SP Lufthansa Systems presents a comprehensive operational planning and control solution aimed specifically at start-up, regional and low-cost airlines. The IT solution combines the industry-renowned performance of the NetLine Suite with professional hosting in the Lufthansa Systems data center. This gives airlines the benefit of a full-fledged planning and control system for a low investment with a short amortization period.

NetLine SP – short for NetLine Service Providing – is a clearly structured package consisting of NetLine/Sched, NetLine/Crew and NetLine/Ops. These basic components cover the key aspects of airline operations, including scheduling, crew management and operations control. Airlines may also opt for various supplemental modules such as NetLine/Crew CrewLink, NetLine/Ops MaintenanceControl or NetLine/Sched Slot Manager as well as special services such as project support or user training.

“NetLine SP is ideal for start-ups, regional airlines and low-cost carriers, because it offers maximum flexibility for a minimum investment, along with transparent billing and the recognized quality of the NetLine Suite. This enables our customers in this segment to apply their generally scarce resources to their core business rather than having to adapt an oversized system to their needs,” explained Dr. Ulrike Gall, Senior Vice President Airline Management Solutions at Lufthansa Systems.

A low initial investment and short implementation times are often the decisive factors for low-cost or regional airlines planning to invest in IT. They expect providers to offer professional implementation management and competent post-implementation support. Furthermore, they need solutions which will grow along with them. NetLine SP meets all of these requirements. Because the system is operated in the Lufthansa Systems data

center, it can lower airline IT operating costs in this field by up to 40 percent compared to hardware used on an individual basis. Implementation costs are also up to 20 percent lower than they would be in a traditional implementation project.

NetLine SP is an integrated planning and control system which eliminates the need for airlines to invest in their own IT infrastructure. The roughly six-month implementation phase is much shorter than usual, and the monthly system costs are low. Also, if an airline's requirements change, the airline can easily migrate to a customized ASP model. With product components tailored precisely to the needs of start-up, regional and low-cost carriers, NetLine SP is a significant new chapter in the NetLine Suite success story.

Note to editors:

Lufthansa Systems is one of the leading IT service providers for the airline and aviation industries worldwide. As a systems integrator with one of the most modern data centers in Europe, the wholly-owned subsidiary of the Lufthansa Group covers the entire range of IT services, including consulting, the development and implementation of industry solutions as well as system operation. Lufthansa Systems provides its infrastructure and consulting services to a variety of industries. Headquartered in Kelsterbach near Frankfurt/Main, Germany, the company has offices in Germany and 14 other countries and employs about 3,000 people worldwide. In business year 2008, Lufthansa Systems recorded sales of EUR 657 million. For more details, see www.Lhsystems.com.

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