



## News Release

### Intelcan to modernize Bulgarian military's Bezmer airport to NATO and ICAO standards

**Ottawa, ON, Canada – December 16, 2003** – Intelcan Technosystems Inc. was awarded a third turnkey contract by the Bulgarian Ministry of Defence (MOD), to provide communications, navigation, surveillance and air traffic management (ATM) systems for the modernization of the Bezmer military airport in Bulgaria. The total contract price is in excess of CND\$ 20 million. Intelcan recently completed the modernization of Graf Ignatievo and Krumovo airports in Bulgaria.

Under the Bezmer contract, Intelcan will supply and integrate its state of the art ATM system with an existing Ground Control Approach radar system. The Intelcan ATM system includes a multi-radar data processing system with sophisticated features such as short term conflict alert and minimum safe altitude warning. It also includes a flight data processing system with features such as electronic strips, medium term conflict probe and high-resolution colour displays. A Cat II Instrument Landing System, VHF Omni-directional Radio Range, and Non-directional Beacons constitute the navigation systems being provided by Intelcan at Bezmer airport. A comprehensive communications package with ICAO and NATO STANAG compliant VHF/UHF/ HF radios interconnected via microwave links to a digital voice communications and control system is to be installed in the Control Tower.

As a part of the turnkey contract, Intelcan will provide comprehensive training to the Bulgarian operations and technical staff as well as post-installation support services. The entire project will be completed over one year and the new systems at Bezmer airport will be fully operational in early 2005.

In 2002 and 2003, Intelcan completed the modernization of the Bulgarian MOD's Graf Ignatievo and Krumovo airports within budget and on-schedule. Intelcan had been selected for Graf Ignatievo and Krumovo airports in an international tender against major European and US suppliers, following its successful implementation of a similar project in Romania.

Mr. Mark Whittall, Chairman and CEO, Intelcan said, "We are very pleased to be able to assist countries such as Bulgaria and Romania in their efforts to join the NATO alliance. The modernization of air traffic management systems is essential to achieving interoperability with NATO allies, and Intelcan has demonstrated that it can implement these important projects on-time and within budget. The award of this third airport contract in Bulgaria is an important demonstration of the Bulgarian MOD's satisfaction with our past performance and its confidence in Intelcan for the future. The decision by MOD to standardize on the Intelcan ATM system for these three airports will provide long term life cycle benefits to the Government of Bulgaria, and facilitate the coordination of air traffic control nationwide. We look forward to our continued participation in the MOD modernization program."

As a part of MOD's continuing modernization program, included in the Bezmer contract are several options such as the supply of Distance Measuring Equipment, the extension of the range of communications systems and the implementation of an AFTN Message Handling system.

Mr. Whittall added that Intelcan has now taken a leadership position in Eastern Europe in helping countries achieve interoperability with NATO requirements and conformance with ICAO standards. Intelcan will continue to pursue these opportunities in Europe and elsewhere.

Intelcan is a global leader in the provision of Air Traffic Management systems for civilian and military applications. Since 1973, Intelcan has delivered flexible, custom-designed solutions to customers in over 60 countries around the world. We supply fully integrated Communications, Navigation, Surveillance and Air Traffic Management (CNS/ATM) solutions on a complete turnkey basis, relying on our extensive experience in system engineering, airport infrastructure and telecommunications. Using the latest technology, Intelcan works in partnership with its customers to improve the safety and efficiency of their aviation systems.

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