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**The Fifth Meeting of the ICAO AIS- AIM Implementation Task Force
(AAITF/5)**

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Agenda Item 9: Any Other Business

Airservices Australia Mercury Project

(Presented by Australia)

SUMMARY

This paper annexes the Mercury Project presentation for the information of AAITF/5 members.

Action by AAITF/5 is at paragraph 3.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In 2008, Airservices Australia initiated the Mercury Project, with the objective of procuring and implementing a contemporary Aeronautical Information Management (AIM) capability.
- 1.2 The scope of this project was defined by the requirement to replace Airservices ageing (and legacy) Aeronautical Data Management System (ADMS) with an AIXM compliant data store (or “Reference Data Store (RDS)”), and associated static data management tools. In addition, Airservices sought to acquire a range of AIXM compliant AIM applications (AIP, eTOD, Charts, Airspace and Procedure Design, etc), facilitating integration with the Mercury RDS.
- 1.3 In 2008, a “Request for Expressions Of Interest” (REOI) activity was conducted to test the capability of the market for AIXM compliant solutions, and to assist Airservices Australia with the development of a “Request For Tender” (RFT) process.
- 1.4 In late 2008 Airservices Australia released a Mercury RFT to industry. The tender process was conducted over two distinct phases: an open tender evaluation phase, and a shortlisted tender evaluation phase. The entire process took approximately 12 months to complete, with the preferred supplier (Ingegneria dei sistemi - IDS) selected and a final business case presented to the Board of Airservices Australia in October 2009. Board approval to initiate contract negotiations with IDS was provided to the project in late 2009.
- 1.5 Contract negotiations between Airservices Australia and IDS were finalised in April 2009, and a formal contract signing ceremony was held on the 24th May 2010.



Greg Russell (CEO – Airservices Australia) and Giovanni Bardell (President - IDS) at the Mercury Project contract signing ceremony

2. ITEMS DISCUSSED

- 2.1 The Mercury Project presentation contains information about the experiences gained by Airservices Australia as it progressed to contract status, and the challenges that may lie ahead during its implementation.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

- 3.1 The meeting is invited to Note the presentation and its content.

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