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Lufthansa Systems to showcase BoardConnect Portable

APEX 2015: New version of the IFE solution especially for short- and medium-haul flights

Raunheim, September 28, 2015 – Lufthansa Systems today announced that it will showcase a new version of BoardConnect Portable, its multiple award-winning in-flight entertainment (IFE) solution, at this year's APEX in Portland, Oregon. Visitors to the trade fair can also get the latest on new features for the BoardConnect wireless infotainment platform and the mCabin crew app.

BoardConnect Portable is even easier to use and more flexible than the conventional BoardConnect solution. The portable version is designed for carriers wishing to avoid high capital outlay in permanently installed hardware and install IFE mainly in smaller aircraft that are used for short- and medium-haul flights. The advantage of the new all-in-one solution is that all of the technical components needed for an IFE system – such as a server and access points – are combined in a single device, the Mobile Streaming Unit (MSU). An MSU can supply up to 50 passengers with top-quality streamed content. This means that in narrow-body aircraft two to three MSUs are sufficient to provide all passengers with a special IFE experience.

Another positive aspect is the ease of installation. An MSU is about the size of a conventional tablet and weighs less than 1,5 kg, so there is no need for elaborate cabling. MSUs therefore qualify as non-permanently installed equipment and can be mounted or removed without affecting other components in the aircraft, for example in the galley. This eliminates high costs for hardware, fitting and certification – plus in leased aircraft the system can be transferred immediately for further use. What is more, an integrated modem allows rapid wireless updates of content while the aircraft is on the ground.

Italy's Air Dolomiti will be the first carrier to use the new flexible IFE solution BoardConnect Portable. The provider and the airline recently signed a corresponding letter of intent for further cooperation.

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The conventional BoardConnect system is a wireless IFE solution that passengers can use to stream content to their own tablets or smartphones during a flight with an app. The solution's established features include video and audio on demand, games, a shop and a moving map with points of interest (POI) relating to various topics. But BoardConnect is more than a conventional IFE system: it enables airlines to provide their passengers with additional services along the entire travel chain. With the new On-Ground Portal, passengers can now see what entertainment will be available on board even before their flight and find their favorite movies or put together playlists of their favorite music. Furthermore, other services to generate additional revenue for the airlines and their partners, such as hotel bookings, tickets for events or places of interest at the destination plus additional advertising, can be straightforwardly integrated thanks to the open platform architecture.

Visitors to the APEX can also find out more about the mCabin crew app. mCabin is a state-of-the-art, professional tool that supports cabin attendants in all stages and processes before, during and after a flight. The app contains information for the in-flight service such as a list of all passengers together with details of passenger seat numbers, status, meal preferences and special assistance. For crew management mCabin's features include interactive duty rosters, briefing documents and the assignment of working positions based on the flight attendants' qualifications. Thanks to its powerful reporting capabilities, incidents on board can be immediately processed digitally. Via an existing Internet connection the crew can also promptly communicate important information directly to flight operations. Another new feature is that it is now also possible to display a number of services on the new Microsoft Band and Windows phones. The mCabin crew app is compatible with BoardConnect and its operations can be synchronized.

Visit Lufthansa Systems at this year's APEX in Portland from September 28 through October 1, stand # 1029, Hall A.

Caption (Copyright Lufthansa Systems): Flexible in-flight entertainment: BoardConnect Portable is the size of a conventional tablet and can supply up to 50 passengers with streamed content.

For more information on BoardConnect Portable please visit our website <http://www.lhsystems.com/solutions-services/inflight-entertainment/boardconnect/boardconnect-portable.html>

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