

## PRESS STATEMENT

### Helios joins Egis

On 25 January Egis Avia, the French-owned aviation and navigation company acquired UK consultancy Helios.

In a joint statement the companies said: “There are many synergies between Helios and Egis Avia, and a history of success and mutual respect in our markets. Egis Avia provides aviation services and products around the world. It operates 12 international airports and provides turnkey solutions to others. Helios delivers award-winning consultancy services to transport businesses, governments and institutions across Europe, the Middle East, Asia and Africa. Together we intend to exploit our synergies to continue to help our customers address the challenges of today and plan better for tomorrow.”

Cédric Barbier, Egis Avia CEO says: “Having Helios on board supports Egis’ desire to be as close as possible to all air transport stakeholders from strategy to operations. Helios’ strong consultancy expertise strengthens our offering to aviation decision makers. This partnership enhances our unique consulting and engineering portfolio for Airport, ATM and Air Operation markets.”

Helios Chairman Dr Mike Shorthose adds: “Egis is a very strong global player and those global connections are exactly what we were seeking for our next phase of development. Helios will continue to deliver its services from Farnborough and Žilina, and in that respect it is very much ‘business as usual’. What we’re particularly excited about is that our team will now have access to more support worldwide, as well as the opportunity to collaborate on new opportunities.

Ends.

28 January

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#### Information for editors

- Helios has become a wholly-owned subsidiary of Egis Avia.
- Egis Avia recognises the strength and value of the Helios name. The Helios brand name will continue.
- The new business is well-funded and financially secure. Egis Avia is a subsidiary of Egis, which in turn is 75% owned by a major French bank (the Caisse des Dépôts) and 25% owned by its management and staff.

### **About Helios**

Helios ([www.askhelios.com](http://www.askhelios.com)) is a management and technology consultancy working in aviation, particularly air traffic management and airports. We also work in other transport and technology domains, including space, telecoms, rail, and maritime. We support businesses, governments, regulators and other institutions. Our customers usually work in complex regulatory domains, in safety critical industries and are supported by advanced technology. Our aim is to improve corporate performance. Established in 1996, the company employs 40 staff and is based in Farnborough (UK) and in Žilina (Slovakia). Helios' focus on excellence was recognised through two Queen's Awards for Enterprise (2004, 2009).

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### **About Egis Avia**

Egis Avia ([www.egis-avia.com](http://www.egis-avia.com)) is a French company offering the widest scope of products and services available in the air transportation industry. The company provides a unique portfolio of solutions in three core markets: Air Traffic Management (ATM), Airports and Air Operations. Egis Avia, formerly Sofréavia, bridges the gap between consulting, engineering, turnkey solutions and operations with the aim of enhancing air transport efficiency. Through Egis Airport Operation, Egis Avia operates 12 international airports around the world. Egis Avia employs 180 people and turns over €29m. .Egis Avia is also a major shareholder in companies such as Meteo France International (MFI) and Aeroservice, a 2012 Brazilian acquisition dedicated to airport consultancy and engineering services in the region.

### **About Egis Group**

Egis ([egis-group.com](http://egis-group.com)) is a consulting and engineering group working in the fields of transport, urban development, construction, industry, water, environment and energy. In the road and airport fields, the group is also involved in project financing, turnkey-contract projects and facility operation. With 12,000 employees, of whom 7,400 in engineering, and an estimated turnover of €900 million, the group is present in over 100 countries.

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