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## SUCCESSFUL FLIGHT VALIDATION FIRST GNSS PROCEDURES REPUBLIC OF GUINEA

Vancouver, BC, CANADA. - July 08, 2009 - Direct Approach Consulting Inc. of Richmond BC announces the successful flight validation of the first RNAV (GNSS) approaches and departures in the Republic of Guinea.

On June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009, in cooperation with the Guinea ANA (l'Agence de la Navigation Aerienne) and ASECNA (Agence pour la Sécurité de la Navigation Aérienne en Afrique et à Madagascar), Direct Approach Consulting Inc., on behalf of it's clients Rio Tinto and HART Aviation, successfully completed the commissioning flight validation check of two new RNAV (GNSS) approaches and GNSS departures at the Beyla airstrip (GUBE) in south-eastern Guinea.

"All elements of the Runway 15 and Runway 33 approaches and departures were flown utilizing the services of ASECNA and their ATR42 aircraft" said owner and Lead Designer Marinus Waterberg. "The validation went extremely well and included representatives of the Guinea ANA. ASECNA, and Direct Approach. Everything was just as expected and there were no unexpected findings. ASECNA signed off the procedures as being useable without any restriction. The final documentation will now be submitted to the ANA for publication and implementation." Mr. Waterberg went on to say that "With these new GNSS procedures, Rio Tinto can be assured of safe and effective all weather access to their operations near Beyla. These are the first GNSS IFR approaches and departures in Guinea, and we are very happy to be part of this project to bring the safety and reliability of IFR GNSS navigation to that country."

"Direct Approach has 14 years experience in designing instrument procedures to some of the most challenging environments in the world. Our designers are trained in PANS-OPS, TP308, and TERPS. Direct Approach also has experience in airport planning and certification, bringing another special capability which provides a total solutions option for our customers."

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