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Axis helps UK airline caterer FFL comply with tough Department for Transport security regulations

FFL Airline Catering Services (FFL Limited) has selected Axis Communications for the provision of network cameras, which have been installed by IP-Surveillance installer InCam Digital Surveillance at the airline caterer's 10,000 square foot unit in Crawley, UK.

FFL decided it needed to invest in security equipment to ensure compliance with tough Department for Transport regulations and directions, following a major expansion of its facilities to provide full-service catering to more airlines flying out of London's Gatwick Airport.

Airline caterers must conform to tight UK Department for Transport (DfT) security restrictions because they have to deliver food and supplies to aircraft within the perimeter of the airport. All supplies need to be packed into tamper-proof metal containers in a secure setting and then transported through customs checkpoints into the airport itself.

Mark Matthews, managing director of FFL Limited, says:

"We must adhere with tight security measures which include keeping all food storage and preparation areas totally secure. Without the use of these Axis cameras to monitor key areas like our chiller and freezer units, we would have had to employ an extra member of staff just to act as a door man for these units. The cameras also act as a constant visual reminder that all security checks and procedures need to be adhered to all times to ensure that we operate a secure and safe operation."

FFL furthermore found that an additional benefit included elimination of occasional diesel fuel thefts from its lorries while parked at the front of the unit.

"We are very pleased to yet again see how IP-based surveillance can help companies in the transportation market, like FFL, meet rigorous security policies and procedures, says Ray Mauritsson, CEO of Axis Communications. "A key element in making this happens is a valued partner, such as InCam, who has provided the expertise in deploying solutions utilizing network video technology."

FFL will extend its business premises into another unit nearby during this summer. InCam will install additional AXIS 206 Network Cameras, AXIS 211 Network Cameras and AXIS 210 Network Cameras in this new unit.

Notes to editors:

A combination of 14 AXIS 210 Network Cameras and seven AXIS 206 Network Cameras were installed inside the unit. Additional four AXIS 211 Network Cameras were installed outside to cover the loading areas. With the fitting of wide angle lenses on these cameras it was possible to

achieve 90 per cent coverage of the facility. Milestone XProtect Professional Version 4 was selected by InCam to record, store and manage camera output.

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About Axis

Axis increases the value of network solutions. The company is an innovative market leader in network video and print servers. Axis' products and solutions are focused on applications such as security surveillance, remote monitoring and document management. The products are based on in-house developed chip technology, which is also sold to third parties.

Axis was founded in 1984 and is listed on the O-list (Attract 40) of Stockholmsbörsen (XSSE: AXIS). Axis operates globally with offices in 16 countries and in cooperation with distributors, system integrators and OEM partners in 70 countries. Markets outside Sweden account for more than 95% of sales. Information about Axis can be found at www.axis.com.

About FFL

FFL is a specialist catering firm which provides meals and other provisions to both scheduled and chartered airlines including Astraeus, Nationwide Airlines, African Safari Airlines, Helios and Futura. FFL has grown rapidly since it was awarded its first full-service catering contract in April 2002 and today provides more than 15,000 meals per week and has 45 full-time staff.