



## **Albatross Project Makes Open Source ATC Radar Display Solution Freely Available to the Industry**

*Albatross™ community releases Albatross Display™ as part of its ongoing open source development strategy*

**Geneva, Switzerland - September 10, 2009** – Skysoft-ATM, a major solution provider to the Airport Traffic Management industry, today announced the availability of Albatross Display™ ; an advanced, flexible ATC radar display solution that is fully open source under the GPL version 2 license. The solution is now readily available online.

Through this key initiative, Skysoft-ATM builds on its aim to facilitate the wider adoption of advanced ATM technologies to the broader industry, and materializes the first step of ATM solutions releases planned by the Albatross community in 2010. The Albatross™ project was launched in March 2009 to collaborate in the development of innovative ATM technologies, and make them openly available under Open Source licenses.

“The Albatross Display project is derived from SkySoft-ATM’s operational solutions and now brings an open base for improved customization opportunities, user optimization, and significant cost savings”, said Pierre Henri Guisan, Managing Director at Skysoft-ATM. Skysoft-ATM will also produce an enterprise version based on Albatross Display™, which will be tested, certified, and come with full professional support services. The enterprise version will become available later in Q1 2010.

Open Source software is known in the I.T. industry for its better quality, higher reliability, security, interoperability, lower entry cost, and its ability to end predatory vendor lock-in.

The Albatross™ community is in itself very active; more than 150 members have joined since the projects’ launch, with around 70 representatives from various organizations registering and playing an active role in the Albatross Display project, even before it was

on line. “The traction of Open Source is moving at high speed, and other industrial partners have expressed their interest in this new mainstream trend” said Nicolas Dalleinne, leader of the Albatross Display project at SkySoft-ATM.

While Skysoft-ATM will remain the key sponsor of the Albatross Open Source community project, it encourages and welcomes new contributors. All industry players are invited to join and contribute. The project is now live on the Albatross Community website. Anyone wishing to get involved or learn more about the Albatross community project should visit: [www.albatross.aero](http://www.albatross.aero)

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### **About Skysoft-ATM**

Skysoft-ATM is a major solution provider to the Airport Traffic Management industry, using new and innovative approaches to rethink the design and the implementation of ATM systems. Skysoft-ATM's solutions are custom-made and based on combining and configuring functional Modules - the SkyModules - around SkyProject, a conceptual core developed in close cooperation with its clients during the analysis and requirements specification phases. This methodology closely corresponds to real-life conditions and means that a project can be deployed in a few months rather than in a couple of years. More information at <http://www.skysoft-atm.com>