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## **Air traffic control simulation company wins top award**

Micro Nav Limited, Europe's leading provider of air traffic control and airport simulation systems, has won the Queen's Award for Enterprise. The award is in recognition of the company's outstanding performance in exporting high technology air traffic control and airport training systems throughout the world.

The Queen's Awards for Enterprise are the UK's most prestigious awards for business performance and are given in three categories. Micro Nav Limited has won the award for International Trade.

This is the first time that Micro Nav Limited has won the award and follows the trebling of the company's exports to £4.6M over three years. Its main export markets, accounting for some 85% of turnover in 2008, are in Europe, the Middle East and Asia.

'We are delighted to have won this prestigious and internationally recognised award,' Mike Male, Chief Executive, Micro Nav Limited said. 'It is a huge honour for the company's achievements to be recognised, in particular having trebled our export turnover during the past three years. We operate within a specialist niche market where the majority of our business is for overseas organisations. This will be a huge boost for the company and its staff'.

Micro Nav Limited, based in Bournemouth employs 54 staff and has been in business for 22 years. The company was founded in 1988 by Mike Male and Fred Johnson, two air traffic controllers, and has since provided and supported ATC simulation systems to air traffic management organisations worldwide.

The company has become specialist in its field and has an established customer base throughout Western Europe and Asia with a growing customer base in the Gulf area and Eastern Europe.

Micro Nav Limited has created the BEST (Beginning to End for Simulation and Training) simulation software suite which covers:

- air traffic control (ATC) 3D tower and 2D tower simulators
- radar simulators
- voice recognition
- fighter controller simulators
- stimulation and emulation of real air traffic management systems

Micro Nav Limited has recently grown its software portfolio with the addition of the Fast Airport Builder tool, which enables users to build their own 3D airport model. In addition, the business has also recently developed the Airside Driver Trainer and the Airside Marshaller Trainer using simulation technology.

The BEST simulation software is used for all levels and types of ATC training, airport design, as well as evaluation and research. It is in use by both civil and military authorities, including air navigation service providers, airports, Civil Aviation Authorities, universities & colleges as well as national Air Forces.

Customers also include major original equipment manufacturers including Thales, Raytheon, Northrop Grumman Park Air Systems and Comsoft. These manufacturers use the simulator to stimulate the operational software to provide 'on-console' training which allows the air traffic controllers to achieve 100% realism in use of the operational displays and tools.

The BEST simulation software is continuously being developed to ensure that technological advances are exploited and the market leading capabilities of the systems are sustained.

'We have a strong team of highly skilled people at Micro Nav. Their commitment and enthusiasm has helped lead to the success of the business. We are looking forward to adding further simulation products to our portfolio as well as growing our customer base in the UK and abroad over the coming years' says Mike Male.

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Notes to editor:

Micro Nav Limited is the leading specialist in simulation and training systems for civil and military ATC operations, airport design and fighter control. The company develops, delivers and supports systems worldwide for both civil and military authorities.

Successful since 1988, they are a leading player in the ATC simulation and training market.

The advanced BEST simulators cover tower, radar and fighter controller operations training covering all types and levels of training for civil and military users.

The Fast Airport Builder is a unique modelling tool that allows users to create 3D visual models of airport plans quickly and easily themselves. The models run directly with the Micro Nav Limited advanced tower simulators.

Micro Nav Limited's projects include:

- tower simulator for London Heathrow Airport and other UK NATS airports including London Gatwick, Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Glasgow;
- further UK airports including Leeds Bradford International, Liverpool Airport, Bristol International, Jersey, Guernsey, HIAL Inverness and Bournemouth International;
- tower simulators for airports at Dubai, Sharjah;
- tower simulator and Fast Airport Builder for Tanzania CAA
- tower and radar simulators for Entry Point North in Sweden, the Irish Aviation Authority at Shannon and Dublin, the Polish Air Navigation Services Agency, Anadolu University in Turkey and Cranfield University
- airside driver trainer and airside marshalling trainer for the Aviation Academy Indonesia
- a full suite of air traffic control and fighter controller simulator systems for Oman and
- advanced stimulators are in use in the UK, France, Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland, Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Bahrain.

For more information please see the Micro Nav Limited website: [www.micronav.co.uk](http://www.micronav.co.uk)

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