SHANGHAI AIR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

It was announced in Apeldoorn, The Netherlands, on 16th March that HITT had been selected by the Air Traffic Management Bureau of the People’s Republic of China that it had been selected to supply a ground surveillance safety system to Shanghai Hongqiao International Airport, the second airport of Shanghai. The system, it is understood, will ensure a higher level of safety on the ground. Years ago HITT delivered the first system of this kind in China for Shanghai Pudong International Airport, Shanghai’s principal airport. With the system at Hongqiao, the Air Traffic Management Bureau of China and the Shanghai Airport Authority will be ensured safe and efficient control and management of aircraft at both Shanghai airports.

The Chinese authorities are using HITT’s systems for their most important airports in Beijing and Shanghai. Airports in China are developing fast. Major international events such as the Olympic Games in 2008 and the World Expo planned for 2010 in Shanghai, hosting approximately 35 million visitors, are an impulse for additional investments in systems managing the safe and efficient traffic flow on airports.

HITT is a leading player in the worldwide markets for traffic management and navigation systems. The company develops technology aimed at safety enhancement and traffic flow improvement, whilst also enabling significant cost reductions in infrastructure and logistics. The core activities of HITT consist of developing, selling and maintenance of management and control systems and services for air and vessel traffic and hydrographic and navigation systems. In 2008 HITT achieved an operating income of €34 million and a net profit of €1.1 million (plus a one-off €3.7 million). The number of staff at the end of 2008 was 166.