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MEDIA STATEMENT

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ATNS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE AVIATION SAFETY SUMMIT

Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS) South Africa is actively taking part in the Africa 2012 Aviation Safety Summit, currently underway at the Sandton Sun Hotel in Sandton, Johannesburg, South Africa.

The Summit is being convened by the International Air Transport Association (IATA), in conjunction with the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), to adopt the required achievable strategies to strengthen safety oversight and enhance the regional safety performance by the end of year 2015.

According to IATA, an analysis of fifty-six (56) accidents involving African carriers over the last five years shows the main contributory factors includes weak regulatory oversight, improper certification of air operators, pilot qualification and training, and non-adherence to Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). As a result, the two most prevalent air incidents and/or accidents are runway excursions and loss of control.

ATNS is a leading exponent of safer skies. This is evident in our mission statement, which is to provide safe, expeditious and efficient Air Traffic Management (ATM) solutions and associated services.

One of ATNS strategic imperatives is to deliver continuous improvement of safety performance.

Commenting during the second day of the summit, ATNS CEO, Mr. Patrick Dlamini, said "Africa needs to invest more in aviation skills and knowledge. We are almost there though".

Mr Dlamini further mentioned that aviation, specifically aviation safety, is very critical in any economic activity and its role in the international markets cannot be downplayed.

Luke Hawkins, ATNS Senior Manager Safety & Regulation Assurance, has been tasked to work with the Task Force that will develop the African Strategic Safety Improvement (SSI) Action Plan. The SSI Plan is aimed at addressing the continent's safety challenges and also significant safety improvement by the end of 2015.

Hein Reid, Senior Manager Operations and Johnny Smit, Centre Manager at the ATNS Johannesburg Centre, will serve as panelists during the "Runway Safety and Loss of Control" discussion", taking place on 15th May 2012. The discussion will look into the planning, training and the effective implementation measures of the "runway safety toolkit" to ensure that all relevant personnel are adequately and properly trained to meet the set standards.

It is anticipated that over two-hundred (200) participants, including representatives of the Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSPs) in Africa, Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) of African Airlines, Directors General of Civil Aviation Authorities of African States and selected officials of Key Aviation stakeholders will attend.

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The Summit takes place from 14th to 16th May 2012.



Left to Right: Mr Abel Sawadogo, Director General: Burkina Faso National Civil Aviation Agency; Mr Mejowk Jihowk, Manager Operations, Kush Airlines, Sudan and ATNS CEO, Mr Patrick Dlamini **chatting - during a break at the Africa 2012 Aviation Safety Summit, now taking place at the Sandton Sun, Johannesburg.**

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About ATNS

Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS) Company of South Africa is the sole provider of air traffic, navigation, training and associated services within South Africa and some parts of Africa. Responsible for 10% of the world's airspace, ATNS proudly manages more than half-a-million arrival and departure movements every year while maintaining ISO 9001 accreditation.

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