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The article “ **Flying into the storm**” in the Financial Mail of 18 January 2007, quotes the CEO of the South African Civil Aviation Authority, Colin Jordaan as saying - “*Nationwide had neglected maintenance and its records were not kept properly. **It had used pirate parts recycled from old aircraft.***”

Capt. Jordaan categorically denies alleging that Nationwide had used pirate parts or that it had recycled parts from old aircraft.

He in fact told the reporter of Financial Mail that his understanding was that during the audit held shortly before Nationwide was grounded (which was during the previous CEO’s tenure), the history of certain parts could not be verified. This is a far cry from proving that pirate parts were used or that old parts were recycled.

He is further quoted as saying that “*since the grounding of the airline, he is satisfied that everything is in order and that Nationwide’s certificate of airworthiness was re-instated last month*”.

What he actually said was that since Nationwide’s aircraft maintenance was taken over by another maintenance organization, in accordance with the framework of compliance reached with the SACAA, its aircraft were being re-certified one by one, and as and when they were found to be airworthy, their certificates of airworthiness were being re-issued. To date 8 of the aircraft in the fleet of 17 are flying again.

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