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**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**SACAA PUBLISHES AERODROME AND PROCEDURE CHARTS ON WEBSITE**

The South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) is hereby making an announcement to the aviation industry that Aerodrome and Instrument Flight Procedure charts have now been published on the SACAA website. Previously, these charts were only produced in paper format via the Integrated Aeronautical Information Package (IAIP).

With the world leaning more towards the electronic publication of information of this sort, the management of the SACAA made a decision that all these charts should be published electronically via the SACAA website. These charts will be the most current charts as is published in the AIP and AIP Supplement and will be updated in accordance with the 28 day AIRAC cycle. This will allow clients to access these charts electronically via the internet thus improving the accessibility and availability of the charts. The availability of these charts on the internet will also allow non-AIP subscribers to access this data for use.

Mr Gary Newman, a PANS OPS Specialist from the Air Traffic Services division of the SACAA, says the use of electronic publication of these charts has opened up a new area of aviation charting in South Africa and will allow the SACAA to utilise a number of benefits not available when publishing is confined to paper copies. For example, it will allow the publication of multi-colour charting (for the improvement of situational awareness and the reduction of CFIT risk), annotated satellite photography, vector data and a number of other high-tech functions in the future. Mr Newman said, "The publishing of these charts can be seen as yet another step by the Authority into the high-tech world of electronic publishing, which along with the AICs and AIP Supplements which are already available electronically, will empower the clients to source information over the internet".

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