

MEDIA STATEMENT

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SACAA UPDATE STATEMENT ON JETSTREAM AIRCRAFT FLEET

Midrand – Following the suspension of the certificates of airworthiness for the Jetstream fleet on the South African Civil Aircraft Register, the South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) indicated that such suspensions would only be uplifted upon successful re-certification inspections of each Jetstream aircraft.

The CAA would like to confirm that the prerequisite aircraft inspections are already underway having commenced on 01 January 2010. To date, one Jetstream aircraft belonging to SA Airlink has successfully completed its re-certification process and as such the Commissioner for Civil Aviation has uplifted the suspension on this aircraft. The re-certification process on the first aircraft also involved a thorough inspection of all maintenance processes.

The CAA believes that the positive cooperation and support that was rendered to its team of Airworthiness Inspectors by SA Airlink will assist in expediting the process of re-certifying the aircraft resulting in the subsequent upliftment of the suspensions.

Whilst the aircraft recertification process is underway, the SACAA is simultaneously monitoring the implementation of the SA Airlink's Corrective Action Plan that seeks to fully address the findings revealed in the SACAA's intensified safety audit.

The SACAA would like to also confirm that the Commissioner for Civil Aviation has also uplifted the suspensions of the certificates of airworthiness of two Jetstream aircraft belonging to Namic (Pty) Ltd, following successful aircraft inspections conducted by the SACAA airworthiness inspectors.

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About the SACAA:

The South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) was established on 1 October 1998 following the enactment of the South African Civil Aviation Authority Act, No.40, in September of the same year. The SACAA promotes and maintains a safe, secure and sustainable civil aviation environment, by regulating and overseeing the functioning and development of the industry in an efficient, cost-effective, and customer-friendly manner according to international standards.

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