



MEDIA STATEMENT

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SACAA WARNS OF LOOMING STRIKE ACTION

Media statement

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Midrand – The South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) would like to notify the civil aviation industry and the public of the looming strike action by SATAWU. The members of the union notified management of their intention to strike with the result that on Monday, 26 November 2012 union members will be picketing at the head office of the SACAA in Midrand. The reason cited by SATAWU was the non-payment of bonuses during the 2010/11 financial year.

Management considers this to be an unprotected strike and contingency plans have been put in place to ensure that our clients are not affected negatively by the strike. We will endeavour to make sure that all services are available, albeit at a lesser scale. A skeleton staff will be put in place to manage all areas of the business. We do appeal for patience from our clients as we try to provide them with the best possible service under the circumstances.

This strike will have an impact on the ability of the organisation to operate at our normal rate. We recommend that clients keep their visits to our premises to a minimum until the strike action ceases.

Management will endeavour to give the industry regular updates via our website and through existing industry structures.

The SACAA would like to assure our clients and the public that we take our mandate of ensuring aviation safety and security seriously. All measures will be explored in ensuring the services at the Authority premises proceeds as usual.

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About the SACAA:

The South African Civil Aviation Authority ("SACAA") is a juristic body established in terms of the Civil Aviation Act, 2009 (Act No. 13 of 2009) ("the Act"). SACAA is governed and controlled by the Civil Aviation Authority Board ("the Board"). In terms of mandate, the SACAA is tasked with promoting and maintaining 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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