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### SOUTH AFRICA IS READY FOR THE NEW FLIGHT PLAN SYSTEM

The last Flight Plan 2012 Workshop - in a series that started a month ago - is currently taking place at the Midrand Conference Centre in Midrand, Johannesburg. Over sixty (60) airspace users – that include pilots, flight school and airlines operators are in attendance.

These Information sharing Workshops, offered jointly by the Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS) Company of South Africa and the South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) were geared towards ensuring that our flying public is ready for the new Flight Plan.

To date, over seven hundred (700) airspace users, from Durban (Kwa-Zulu Natal), Cape Town (Western Cape), East London (Eastern Cape), Bloemfontein (Free State), Nelspruit (Mpumalanga) and Johannesburg (Gauteng) have attended the workshops nationwide.

The new Flight Plan allows airlines to optimize their flight plans and to reduce operational costs while making sure that the flight plans are in full regulatory compliance. It also allows for a seamless integration with most common crew management, operations control, scheduling and maintenance applications.

The current format of submitting flight plans has been in operation since the 1940's. The deadline given by International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) for all Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSPs) and airspace users internationally is 15<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

ATNS and SACAA are committed to supporting the aviation industry in meeting the deadlines given by ICAO and we are confident that the transition to the new Flight Plan will take place smoothly.

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## **ABOUT 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.

## **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.