



SACAA statement correcting inaccuracies by the FF Plus

Johannesburg, 25-07-2014. The South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) dismisses, in the strongest terms possible, inaccurate utterances made by FF Plus' parliamentary spokesperson Adv. Anton Alberts this afternoon. In a media release beset with fabrications, Adv. Alberts attributes a number of false inventions to one of SACAA's employees.

The matter that Adv. Alberts refers to in the media release pertains to an incident that took place at the Port Elizabeth Airport where it is alleged that two aircraft, one landing and another about to take-off, were given a clearance at the same time.

Whilst the SACAA official did confirm to the FF Plus that the Regulator is aware of the incident; Adv. Alberts and his team took it upon themselves to fabricate so-called facts and attribute such to the SACAA official.

Adv. Alberts' utterances are grossly exaggerated, indecorous and condemned in the strongest terms possible. Before embarking on their tactics, Adv. Alberts and his ilk should first familiarise themselves with the admirable safety record that South Africa has in terms of airline operations.

Notwithstanding, the SACAA confirms that the incident in question indeed took place and as is the norm is being investigated. Without any final report with recommendations, any assertions regarding the incident will be speculative and an attempt to prejudge the outcome of the investigation.

The SACAA maintains that the incident in question is not a frequent occurrence.

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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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