

**MEDIA STATEMENT**

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**SA Civil Aviation Authority scoops Top Performing Public Service Award**

*The fourth award for the Authority in three months*

*Johannesburg.* Last Friday, 19 November 2015, the South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) received the Top Performing Public Service Award and achieved second position for the Transport and Logistics Award at the National Business Awards.

The National Business Awards are regarded as ‘the Oscars of South African Business’, and give recognition to the success, innovation and ethics of South African private companies, state-owned entities and government departments across all sectors. They are bestowed in acknowledgement of inspirational leadership and outstanding performance throughout the year.

“This is a real honour for the SACAA,” says the Director of Civil Aviation, Poppy Khoza, “and well-deserved recognition for the many men and women who work so hard to sustain the high level of excellence for which we have become known.”

This year the SACAA faced serious competition from about 100 companies representing a wide range of industries.

The Top Performing Public Service Award comes hot on the heels of the two Annual Transport Awards bestowed on the SACAA in October, when they were awarded Best-Performing Institution for the second year in a row, and Best Chief Executive Officer in Transport. The transport awards also came a month after the SACAA received a Clean Audit Award from the Auditor-General of South Africa for the third year in succession.

“In view of these numerous awards and global recognition, the SACAA has won the right to believe that it is on the right path, and closing in on its vision of becoming one of the world’s top 10 civil aviation authorities,” says Khoza.

“We are very pleased to have been recognised for our deep commitment to excellence and good governance, as well as our contribution to the aviation sector and the economy as a whole. This recognition also signifies commitment to our brand promise, which is to keep South

Africans safe in the sky; and it is a promise that every SACAA employee lives and seeks to fulfil every single day.”

In order to qualify for the National Business Awards, companies and entities must have an annual turnover of at least R35 million, show strong year-on-year growth, and provide a compelling motivation for consideration. Some of the awards on offer, included the Corporate Citizenship Award, the Customer Focus Award, the Investing in People Award and the Infrastructure Development Award.

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***About the SACAA:***

The South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) is a self-funded agency of the Department of Transport tasked with promoting and maintaining a safe, secure, and sustainable civil aviation environment by regulating and overseeing the industry in line with international standards. We perform oversight of various aspects of civil aviation, including, but not limited to aviation security, aviation personnel licensing, aviation infrastructure, and air safety operations.

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