

**MEDIA STATEMENT****24 February 2018****SA Civil Aviation Authority lifts suspension of CemAir's Aircraft Maintenance Organisation**

[Johannesburg]. The South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) has lifted, with immediate effect, the suspension of CemAir's Aircraft Maintenance Organisation (AMO) approval. This is subsequent to the operator's successful completion of a five-phase certification process that included among others, document evaluation and demonstration phases.

Whilst CemAir has successfully regained its AMO approval privileges, the *status quo* relating to their 12 aircraft remains the same; meaning that the aircraft are yet to be declared as airworthy by the SACAA and released back to service. Notwithstanding, the lifting of the AMO suspension is a step in the right direction and means that the operator is now in a position to officially maintain their own as well as other operators' aircraft for which they are approved. This also means that CemAir is now in a position to hopefully speed up the process of getting more of their aircraft ready for inspection by SACAA officials. The aircraft will be released back into operation once they are certified as airworthy.

The SACAA has also noted the fact that the operator has put in place measures that seek to enable them to meet their obligations to their customers. In accordance with regulations, nothing prevents CemAir from securing the services of another approved operator to charter or transport passengers on their behalf as the SACAA did not revoke CemAir's Air Operator Certificate (AOC) – a key requirement in running airline operations.

The SACAA acknowledges CemAir's cooperation, which is a treasured trait in the quest for unquestionable compliance with regulatory requirements. The SACAA will continue to guide the operator to ensure that all the commitments outlined in their Corrective Action Plan are met.

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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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