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The SA Civil Aviation Authority celebrates industry's excellence with aviation industry awards

Following the acclaimed success of the first-ever Civil Aviation Industry Awards in 2018, the South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) is preparing to repeat the event that recognises industry excellence in civil aviation in South Africa. SACAA is the regulatory entity tasked with ensuring safe, secure, and sustainable civil aviation operations in South Africa.

SACAA will be hosting the second aviation industry awards on 13 December 2019 at the CSIR International Convention Centre in Lynnwood, Pretoria, to continue recognising industry excellence in South Africa. This event is a unique opportunity for aviation bodies to receive recognition for the impact that they are making on civil aviation in the country. This will also allow these outstanding individuals and companies to be celebrated as industry leaders for their contribution towards keeping us safe in the sky. Individuals, companies and many others involved in the aviation industry will be considered for the prestigious awards that are being presented in 19 categories.

In preparation for this year's ceremony, various departments were consulted and with the industry's valuable input, the SACAA has expanded this year's categories to include Aviation Manufacturing Organisations (AMOs) and Approved Design Organisations (ADOs). Sub-categories like the Aviation Maintenance Organisation Award will allow for fair assessment between large corporates and Small, Medium and Micro-sized Enterprises (SMMEs).

Similar to last year's awards, an independent panel of expert judges from various aviation sectors and businesses will assess the entries to the awards, giving credence to the authenticity of the event. Some of the award categories include Aviation Company of the Year, the Aviation Training Award, the Aviation Safety Award, the Aviation Innovation Award and the Aviation Transformation Award.

The Civil Aviation Industry Awards ceremony provides a platform to commend the contributions of individuals and companies that continue to contribute to the country's remarkable aviation safety and security record. The ceremony also creates a platform for case studies relating to the continued upkeep of the high standards of aviation safety and security.

"We anticipate that these awards will become a regular highlight in the aviation calendar for years to come. In South Africa, when we board a passenger plane, we have come to expect that every take-off will result in an incident-free landing. However, very few of us consider who is behind our safe and secure air transportation. In fact, behind the scenes there are thousands of individuals who carry out critical duties to safely and securely get passengers and goods from one point to another. We want to continue to acknowledge the contributions of these individuals and organisations / companies across all aviation sectors in South Africa," says Ms Poppy Khoza, who leads the SACAA as the Director of Civil Aviation (CEO).

South Africa has proudly maintained its zero-accident record in the scheduled commercial operations (airlines) for over thirty years, a record of which the country can be proud.

Ms Khoza concludes: "The winners will emerge from many different spheres of aviation, as each plays a pertinent role. By following up on last year's inaugural event, we wish to repeat the success of the ceremony that recognised not only the captains of the aviation industry, but also the operators and aviators in our country. We hope that these awards will grow each year to showcase the success stories of those who put an extra effort in developing the civil aviation industry of our country."

A full list of categories, and detailed information about the Civil Aviation Industry Awards, as well as how to enter the Awards, can be accessed via www.civilaviationawards.co.za. Enquiries pertaining to the awards can be emailed to: caia@caa.co.za. Award submissions are being accepted from 07 October 2019 until 15 November 2019. Deserving winners will receive the awards at the stylish event to be held on 13 December 2019.

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About the SACAA:

The South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) is a Schedule 3A public entity reporting to the Department of Transport established in terms of the Civil Aviation Authority Act, 2009 (Act No 13 of 2009) (the Act). 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. The SACAA is governed and controlled by the Civil Aviation Authority Board.

About the Civil Aviation Industry Awards:

The Civil Aviation Industry Awards (CAIA) are Awards which are aimed at recognising individuals and companies for their outstanding contribution to aviation.

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