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BOEING 737-200 AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE UPDATE

The South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) is issuing this statement as a follow up to the inspections conducted by the operators of B737-200 series aircraft which came as a result of an Airworthiness Directive (AD) issued by the SACAA on Friday November 9 2007.

As reported yesterday approximately 70% of the submissions were made and reviewed by the SACAA and all submissions were found to be without fault and were cleared to fly.

As of this morning we have received further submissions from Comair and Interlink and both submissions have been found to be without fault. We are however expecting a few more submissions by Wednesday.

Having said this, the SACAA reviewed the progress made at this stage including the positive results so far and have reviewed the status of the outstanding submissions. The SACAA made a ruling to extend the submission of reports from outstanding operators provided they comply fully with Part A and Part B of the AD. The affected operators have been given more time to comply with the rest of the AD in terms of specific aspects of Part C only. This concession has been made in view of the fact that, in all of the cases that have been finalised, the SACAA found no fault with any of the aircraft. This decision was not taken lightly. The decision takes into consideration the most important aspects of the

directive and is demanding that all operators complete those aspects immediately failing which they cannot fly.

This ruling made by the SACAA will be valid until the 23 November 2007 and is applicable to all operators who have either not made any submissions and those who have completed 90% of the AD like in the case of the 4 aircraft belonging to Nationwide Airlines. These operators are expected to complete the remaining 10% by Friday 23 November 2007.

The SACAA would also like to thank all the operators for their cooperation during this stressful time and we appreciate the tight deadlines they subjected themselves to comply with this AD. Letters regarding the latest ruling by the SACAA has been sent directly to the operators.

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