



MEDIA STATEMENT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CEO - MR PATRICK DLAMINI

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ATNS GOES HI-TECH

The Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS) Company of South Africa, is the sole provider of air traffic, navigation, training and associated services within South Africa. Responsible for 10% of the world's airspace, ATNS has over the past few years, saw the need for a high technology aviation equipment, to allow for the effective and cost efficient training of Air Traffic Controllers.

Hence the launch of the 3D Aerodrome Simulator today – with the Minister of Transport, Dr Sbu Ndebele - in attendance.

ATNS trains Air Traffic Controllers (ATC's) from South Africa as well as controllers from other sovereign states within the Africa continent and the Africa Indian Ocean Area (AFI region). In the past ATNS made use of the 2D Aerodrome simulator for training at the Aviation Training Academy. Unfortunately, the Aerodrome simulator stopped working in 2009 due to the hardware obsolescence.

ATNS entered into partnership with Airways New Zealand to facilitate the Aerodrome Simulator skills and technology transfer. Under the partnership agreement, Airways developed the software to fulfil the user requirements, while ATNS supplied the hardware manufactured as well as the hardware procured in South Africa.

ATNS also acquired the enterprise license that allows installations of additional 3D Aerodrome Simulators at other ATNS sites within South Africa to allow for additional training. ATNS will have an option to install large projection simulators and small desktop simulators depending on the space availability and training requirements at no additional software cost. Only hardware will be required for the deployment of additional simulators within South Africa.

Knowledge transfer was also facilitated through the Aerodrome simulator project. Airways New Zealand provided the project team with all the hardware requirements and the circuit diagrams. The project team was responsible for purchasing and installing all required hardware. The communication unit for the Aerodrome simulator is also manufactured in South Africa.

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The ATNS 3D Aerodrome Simulator project will make a contribution to the "Year of Job Creation and Service Delivery in the Transport Sector" as the collaboration with Airways New Zealand facilitated technology and knowledge transfer besides providing ATNS with sufficient tools to meet the training requirements.

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