



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

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ATNS CELEBRATES "INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER"

Today, 20th October 2011, the Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS) celebrate the International Day of the Air Traffic Controller (ATC). Since the day it was first celebrated, that is, October 20th, 1961, we take a moment on this particular day, to reflect on the role that the ATC plays in our very dynamic environment.

The long-standing culture among ATCs is that the job will be done "no matter the circumstances, no matter the working conditions". This Air Traffic Controller ethic is at the core of the safest and most efficient means of transport that is air travel.

Equipment and systems introduced over the years, have helped improve the efficiency and contributed to a sound and safe ATC system, but the individual controller has always been, and remains, the key element in the safe, efficient and environmentally responsible ATC global network we have today.

ATCs are the most flexible and adaptable element of the system, readily able to grow with continually evolving procedures, changing technical systems, and social and environmental constraints. No other "technology" is so adaptable, productive and cost effective.

The ATC environment has evolved over the years and in South Africa we are very fortunate that we have some of the world's leading technology and professional ATC's that together contribute to the safety of our skies.

On 18th October 2011, The Minister of Transport – with the Chairman and the CEO of ATNS in attendance - launched the high technology 3D Aerodrome Simulator in Kempton Park. This best-in-the-industry aviation equipment will allow for the effective and cost efficient training of Air Traffic Controllers.

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As we celebrate this day each year, we most celebrate the individual air traffic controller wherever he or she works or under whatever conditions he or she works – As they strive to give the utmost in service to the flying public, to bring you safely and efficiently to your destination – anywhere and anytime.

There are approximately 50 000 ATCs worldwide and ATNS ATCs rank among the best in the world.

Aviation is the powerhouse of our economy and thus plays a critical and an integral role within the transportation industry.

“Today we celebrate with you and we acknowledge your achievements - past and present. Together we look forward to taking ATNS to even greater heights because of our dedicated and professional workforce. To all the ATC’s – be proud, safe and professional” said the CEO of ATNS, Mr Patrick Dlamini, in recognising this important day.

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 proudly manages more than more than half-a-million arrival and departure movements every year while maintaining ISO 9001: 2000 accreditation.

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