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## Suspension of FAEL ILS Procedures at King Phalo Airport

Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS) SOC Ltd wishes to advise the aviation community, including airline operators, the media and travelling public, of a potential temporary operational impact at King Phalo Airport (FAEL).

This follows the commencement of a planned VHF Omnidirectional Range (VOR) navigational aid replacement project, which began approximately one week ago as part of ATNS's ongoing air navigation infrastructure modernisation programme. The existing East London VOR facility has been decommissioned and is being replaced with a new system. The estimated duration of the outage is approximately one month.

Due to the dependency of Instrument Landing System (ILS) procedures at FAEL on the VOR facility, the unavailability of the VOR has necessitated the temporary suspension of published ILS procedures. This measure has been implemented in the interest of operational integrity and aviation safety.

ATNS emphasises that safety remains the primary consideration in all operational decisions. We are actively engaging with all affected stakeholders to manage the impact and minimise disruptions to air traffic operations as far as practicable.

All stakeholders are encouraged to closely monitor official ATNS communications and ensure that relevant operational personnel are appropriately briefed.

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