



MEDIA STATEMENT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CEO

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EFFICIENCY IN GLOBAL AIRSPACE – A FLIGHT WITH A DIFFERENCE

Today (Sunday, 4th December 2011) at 17h10, a Fly Emirates “Green” flight touched down at the King Shaka Airport, Durban, KwaZulu Natal. This is an “Indian Ocean Strategic Partnership to Reduce Emission” initiative, aptly named INSPIRE, of which the Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS) is an active partner.

The United Arab Emirates Special Envoy and Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs for Energy and Climate Change, Dr Sultan Al Jaber, and his entourage were met at the airport by the Minister of Transport, Dr Sbu Ndebele and other high-level government representatives. The ATNS CEO, Mr Patrick Dlamini, ATNS Board of Directors as well as ATNS Executives were in attendance.

The objectives of INSPIRE is to promote recommended flight procedures, practices and services that have the potential to provide efficiencies in fuel and emissions reductions across all phases of flight, from gate to gate. Participating Airlines and other stakeholders in the region are facilitating world-wide interoperability of environmentally friendly measures and standards by providing a systematic approach - to ensure appropriate mitigation actions with short, medium and long-term results.

The first INSPIRE Demonstration Flight was coordinated by ATNS and the Air Services Australia and took place between Perth and Johannesburg on 11th March 2011.

In the past week, ATNS hosted a three (3) day INSPIRE workshop that ended on Thursday, in Stellenbosch, Western Cape.

Several major global Airline companies and Aviation organisations namely, Airport Authority of India; Air-Services Australia; Emirates Airlines, Singapore Airlines; Etihad Airways; Virgin Australia, Qantas Airlines, Abu Dhabi Airport Company; Oman Civil Aviation Affairs; Maldives Airports Company and the International Air Transport Association(IATA) were represented.

This intensive workshop reviewed the results of “the green demonstration flights” undertaken during 2011. A work program has been developed for 2012. Also discussed was the INSPIRE Strategic Plan (available on request).

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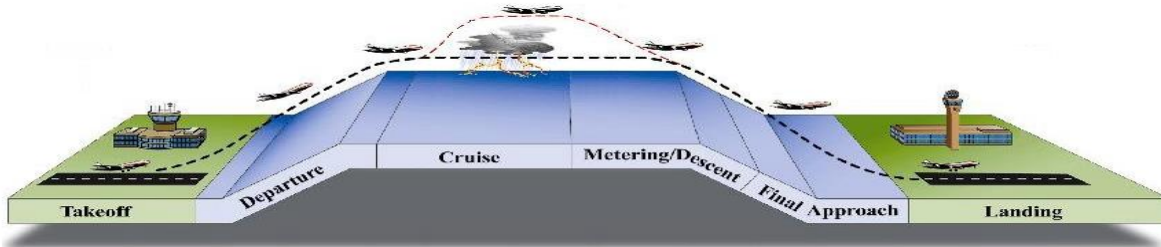
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NB. Thin line (overarching) in the above figure demonstrates the Inspire Flight.

Saving our environment

ATNS's operations have always been characterised by very high standards of technical and engineering services. The technology infrastructure is constantly being maintained, upgraded and augmented to further increase efficiencies and effectiveness (optimum trajectories and reduced carbon dioxide emissions).

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About ATNS

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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