



MINUTES OF THE VFS FLIGHT SAFETY MEETING HELD AT VFS ON TUESDAY 7 APRIL 2009

INTRODUCTION

1. The VFS Safety Officer, Ray Barske, welcomed all present to the meeting which commenced at 15h00.

AGENDA

2. The agenda for the meeting was as follows:
 - Minutes of 3 March 2009 meeting.
 - Additional points.
 - The Error Chain (Completion of subject from Jan '09).

SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

3. There were no supplementary items.

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

4. The minutes from the previous meeting were presented and accepted as a correct reflection of the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

5. The main topics of discussion at the 3 March 2009 meeting were revised.

THE ERROR CHAIN

6. The Safety Officer VFS completed the CRM subject of "Error Chains". The Tenerife 747 disaster of 1977 was analyzed as a typical example of error chain mishaps. Error chains can be mitigated through the application of the following principles :
 - BRIEFINGS – Thorough pre-flight and in-flight briefings.
 - CHECKLISTS – Proper completion of all checklists.
 - CALL-OUTS – Critical avionic settings and flight data call-outs.
 - CHECKING – Cross checking with read backs.
 - PROCEDURES – Strict adherence to SOP's.
 - COMMUNICATION - Use of standard phraseology in clear, unambiguous messages.

9. The meeting adjourned at 16h00. The next Safety Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 28 April 2009.

The minutes of this meeting are with effect from : 9 April 2009.

Ray Barske : Safety Officer VFS

COMMENTS BY CEO VFS

B. Scott : CEO VFS