



***MINUTES OF THE VFS FLIGHT SAFETY MEETING HELD AT VFS ON TUESDAY 04 AUGUST 2009***

**INTRODUCTION**

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

**AGENDA**

2. The agenda for the meeting was as follows:
  - Minutes of 30 June 2009 meeting.
  - Additional points.
  - Occurrence Reports.
  - Audit Feedback.
  - SA CAA SMS Initiatives.

**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 30 June 2009 meeting were revised.

**OCCURRENCE REPORTS**

6. There were 10 reports for June 2009 and 6 reports for July 2009. "MACHINE" classifications were the highest with 9 for the period. The most significant of these were the "working" or loose rivets on the horizontal stabilizer of ZS SCP. The aircraft was grounded and when the stabilizer was "de skinned" the main spar was found to have catastrophic failure. This was as a result of previous incompetent repair work having been undertaken in the USA. The stabilizer was completely rebuilt and the aircraft returned to service.

**AUDIT FEEDBACK**

7. Individual Safety Opinion Survey. The result of the individual safety opinion survey, which measures how stakeholders experience safety at VFS, was very positive. The results are available for perusal in the Safety Audit File.

8. Service Providers – Aircraft Fuel. Routine audits were conducted on Engen and Shell, who are the fuel providers to VFS, and both providers were found to be fully compliant. Audit results are in the Safety Audit File.

#### SA CAA SMS INITIATIVE

9. The SA CAA has launched an initiative to become ICAO SMS compliant. A draft CAR has been formulated in this regard and a proposed SMS training syllabus drafted. All registered aviation organisations will have to have a approved SMS in place during 2010, exact date to be promulgated. It in no way affects VFS as we have had an ICAO compliant and SA CAA approved SMS in place since 2008.

The minutes of this meeting are with effect from : 04 August 2009.

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COMMENTS BY CEO VFS

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