

**MEDIA STATEMENT**

**14 June 2011**

**SACAA AND ATNS MONITORS VOLCANIC ASH SITUATION**

The South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) and the Air Traffic and Services (ATNS) are currently monitoring the Volcanic Ash situation.

A teleconference was held between ATNS and the Volcanic Ash Action Centre in Toulouse France at 11h00 today, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2011. The situation is being closely monitored and a new forecast is expected at 14h00.

The SACAA and ATNS are also closely interacting with the airlines and Airport Authorities and at present there is no operational impact. Operators have been informed through the aeronautical publications.

More information will be released as it becomes available.

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***About the SACAA:***

The South African Civil Aviation Authority ("SACAA") is a juristic body established in terms of the Civil Aviation Act, 2009 (Act No. 13 of 2009) ("the Act"). SACAA is governed and controlled by the Civil Aviation Authority Board ("the Board"). In terms of mandate, the SACAA is tasked with promoting and maintaining a safe, secure and sustainable civil aviation environment, by regulating and overseeing the functioning and development of the industry in an efficient, cost-effective, and customer-friendly manner according to international standards.

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