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AIRPORTS COMPANY SOUTH AFRICA MARKS WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY WITH NEW CARBON ACCREDITATION STATUS FOR FIVE AIRPORTS

BEDFORDVIEW, 5 June 2019 – Airports Company South Africa is marking World Environment Day by announcing that its drive to reduce its carbon footprint has advanced further with updates by Airports Council International (ACI) to the Airport Carbon Accreditation status of five airports.

O. R. Tambo International Airport and Cape Town International Airport have been upgraded to Level 2 (Reduction) status. King Shaka International Airport and Port Elizabeth International Airport have been renewed at Level 1 (Mapping). George Airport has entered the carbon accreditation programme with a grading of Level 1 (Mapping).

All nine of the company's airports have already been certified as compliant with the most-recognised international standard for environmental management systems, the International Standards Organisation's ISO14001: 2015 standard. The standard maps out a framework that an organisation should follow to set up an effective environmental management system.

In addition, George, Kimberley and Upington airports have been converted to solar power over the past few years.

Airport Carbon Accreditation (ACA) is the only institutionally endorsed, global carbon management certification programme for airports. The ACA programme independently assesses and recognises the efforts of airports to manage and reduce their carbon emissions through four levels of certification. It provides airports with a common framework for active carbon management through measurable goals.

Says Fundi Sithebe, Chief Operating Officer of Airports Company South Africa: "We are very pleased with the progress of our sustainability strategy and the independent recognition it has received. It takes a tremendous collaborative effort by each airport to meet the ACA requirements. This accreditation is tangible evidence of our employees' commitment."

Airport Carbon Accreditation was launched in 2009. So far about 240 airports around the world have received different levels of accreditation, covering 43% of passenger traffic.

In 2018, airports in the ACA programme achieved a reduction of CO₂ of 347 026 tons, the strongest absolute reduction since it began.

Sithebe says the climate change crisis has amplified the critical need for carbon reduction by the entire transport sector.

A recent report by HSBC Global Research noted that, globally, the transport sector is responsible for 24% of emissions from use of fossil fuels for energy, and 15.7% of the overall total from human activities.

HSBC Global Research believes that the transport sector will be the next frontier in tackling climate change.

Says Sithebe: "So far we have only 10 African airports accredited under the ACA programme, with five of those being owned by Airports Company South Africa. This accounts for only 31% of passenger traffic on the continent."

“We still have much to do, but Airports Company South Africa’s commitment is a long-term one that represents an integral element of our corporate strategy,” she says.

Through its four levels of accreditation, the ACA programme acknowledges that airports are at different stages towards comprehensive carbon management. It is a programme for airports of all sizes and passenger volumes.

To receive ACA Level 1 Mapping accreditation, airports determine their operational boundaries and emission sources; calculate their annual carbon emissions; compile carbon footprint reports and engage independent third parties to verify their carbon footprint calculations.

To receive ACA Level 2 Reduction accreditation, airport provide evidence of carbon management procedures including target setting; and demonstrate a reduction in CO2 emissions against a three-year rolling average.

Achieving Level 3 Optimisation status requires an airport to engage with third parties to reduce its carbon footprint. This includes engaging with airlines and service providers such as ground handlers, catering companies and others working on the airport site.

Level 4 Neutrality accreditation requires that the airport compensates for remaining carbon emissions that cannot be further reduced through an offsetting programme. For Level 4

Says Sithebe: “It is our goal for all of our airports achieve an Airport Carbon Accreditation rating as we strive to reduce the impact of our operations on the environment.

“Having successfully achieved accreditation levels for five airports, we are now working on accreditation for our four other airports. In addition, we will continue the drive for airports to achieve higher levels of carbon accreditation.”

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Notes to editors about Airports Company South Africa

Airports Company South Africa is the largest airport operator in Africa. Our mission is to develop and manage world-class airport infrastructure for the benefit of all stakeholders

We manage South Africa’s nine principal airports*. In fulfilling this task, Airports Company South Africa enables more than 80 percent of South Africa’s commercial air travel. Our airports process 40 million arriving and departing passengers a year.

In the 2017/18 financial year, Airports Company South Africa reported total revenue of R6.9-billion. Currently 52% of Airports Company South Africa revenue is derived from regulated tariffs for aircraft landing and parking fees

and a passenger service charge. The remaining 48% is non-aeronautical revenue generated by airport retail, parking, property and other services.

Airports Company South Africa's global footprint extends to technical advisory services and support, airport management, and operating concessions in India, Brazil, Munich, and Ghana.

We also frequently feature among the winners of independently-judged global airport awards. In the 2017 Airports Service Quality awards presented by Airports Council International no less than four of our airports were honoured:

- King Shaka International Airport achieved first place in Best Airport by Region;
- Cape Town International Airport achieved third place in Best Airport by Region;
- Cape Town International Airport was named Best Airport in Africa (over 20 000 air traffic movements) in the Safety Awards;
- Bram Fischer International Airport achieved first place in Best Airport by Region in the under 2 million passengers category as well as Most Improved Airport; and
- Upington International Airport joined the 2016 Director's Roll of Excellence for being ranked in the top five airports for its category, size and region from 2006 to 2015.

For more information please visit www.airports.co.za.

*South African airports we operate are: O. R. Tambo International Airport, Cape Town International Airport, King Shaka International Airport, George Airport, Bram Fischer International Airport, Upington Airport, Kimberley Airport, Port Elizabeth Airport and East London Airport.