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AIRPORTS COMPANY SOUTH AFRICA GETS MOST-RECOGNISED ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION

BEDFORDVIEW, 12 November 2018 – All nine of Airports Company South Africa’s airports have been certified as compliant with the most-recognised international standard for environmental management systems.

The certification is a further milestone in implementation of the sustainability strategy of Airports Company South Africa that has seen it also receive Level 1 carbon accreditation for four airports and build solar energy plants at three of its airports.

The latest certification was performed in terms of the International Standards Organisation’s ISO14001: 2015 standard which sets out the criteria for an environmental management system. The standard maps out a framework that an organisation can follow to set up an effective environmental management system.

The Airports Company South Africa sustainability strategy focuses on the environmental impact of its airports including water and energy conservation, waste management, alien vegetation removal, wildlife conservation, reduction in carbon emissions, management of airport noise levels and minimising the broader impact of airline operations on the environment.

Says Fundi Sithebe, Chief Operating Officer at Airports Company South Africa: “The ISO certification is used worldwide for companies to map out a framework that they can follow in setting up an effective environmental management system.”

“Our certification involved significant aspects for the environmental performance improvement of our nine airports such as fuel handling, waste disposal from both terminals, aeroplanes and engineering. We are very proud of this ISO certification as it affirms Airports Company South Africa’s commitment to operating our airports in an environmentally responsible and sustainable manner.”

The ISO certification was performed by DNV GL, one of the world’s leading certification bodies with operations in more than 100 countries.

Nicola Privato, Regional Manager of DNV GL – Business Assurance for the Southern Europe and Africa Region, says, “We are pleased to award this certification to Airports Company of South Africa. This is an important example of excellence in environmental performance for all the Airports around the world. It is very encouraging to see that such high impact facilities as the airports are taking the leadership in environmental sustainability and setting an example for other companies.”

She continues and says it is an excellent way to promote sustainability and leadership to all passengers arriving on the continent and to show-case the African position.

To date, four of Airports Company South Africa’s airports have been awarded Level 1 Airport Carbon Accreditation as per the Airports Council International (ACI) Carbon Accreditation. O.R. Tambo International Airport, King Shaka International Airport, Cape Town International Airport and Port Elizabeth International Airport have met the international requirements to achieve carbon accreditation.

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

In addition to reducing the negative impact of carbon emissions of its operations, Airports Company South Africa has taken major steps towards increasing environmental sustainability with the construction of solar plants at three of its regional airports.

“In February 2016, we launched a 1.2-hectare solar power plant at George Airport in the Western Cape, which supplies 750Kw of power to the airport. We then followed with Kimberley Airport in May 2016, with 500Kw. Then in July 2016, we unveiled a third solar power plant at Upington Airport in the Northern Cape, which provides is a 500Kw plant meant to meet the operational needs of the airport,” added Sithebe.

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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 2016/17 financial year, Airports Company South Africa reported total revenue of R8.6 billion. Currently 63% of Airports Company South Africa revenue is derived from regulated tariffs for aircraft landing and parking fees and a passenger service charge. The remaining 37% 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.