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From Greenland to Antarctica - BARS Program makes global aircraft operations safer and celebrates its 1500th audit

The Basic Aviation Risk Standard (BARS) is proud to have reached the completion of the 1500th audit within its Program. BARS Operators come from 55 different nations across the globe with operations extending from Greenland to Antarctica. Since the beginnings of the BARS Program in 2010, a total of 1407 audits were performed on aircraft operators and 93 audits were done on operators of remotely piloted aerial systems, generally known as drones.

In early October, the 1500th audit within the BARS Program was performed on National Airways Corporation of Johannesburg, South Africa. It underwent its 12th BARS audit with BARS accredited audit company SGS to maintain continued Gold Status registration in the Program.

National Airways Corporation puts tremendous effort into safe operations and is a trusted aviation service provider for mining and resource sector companies and other customers. National Airways were not only one of the first BARS registered aircraft operators when they got onboard in 2010, they were also the first to ever achieve Gold Status within the Program.

David Anderson, Managing Director BARS Program: "Passing 1500 audits is not only a major milestone for us but also for everyone on board the BARS Program! The demonstrated safety record of BARS registered aircraft operators who are active in the most challenging environments from Greenland to Antarctica speak for themselves. They have less incidents and accidents which makes their operations and their people safer. I am proud to see that the BARS Program works with a clear reduction in aviation accidents in the resource sector over the life of the BARS Program."

JP Fourie, Chief Executive Officer of National Airways Corporation: "It is a privilege that we have been a BARS registered operator right from the start in 2010. Our BARS registration and Gold Status is proof of our constant striving for the highest level of aviation safety. We gladly celebrate this important milestone of the 1500th audit together with the BARS program office as we highly value the continued cooperation on safety. Displaying our BARS Registration underscores our unequivocal commitment to quality and safety and the highest industry standards, for all to take comfort in."

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About the Flight Safety Foundation's Basic Aviation Risk Standard (BARS) Program

The BARS Program is a global aviation audit program supporting the resource sector, as well as humanitarian, government, and insurance organizations in their oversight of contracted aviation activities. It was set up in 2010 by the Flight Safety Foundation and various companies from the mining and resource sector.

The BARS Program is active in 55 different countries and about 300 operators of traditional aircraft and helicopters as well as remotely piloted aerial systems have been audited so far. The program is supported by trainings, data analysis and a suite of aviation standards that include such diverse activities as passenger and cargo operations, offshore helicopter and external load operations, night vision goggle and medevac operations, or aerial geophysical survey and aerial mustering.