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AVIASSIST RECEIVED CHRISTMAS DONATION FROM GAE

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The AviAssist Foundation has received a Christmas card donation from Groningen Airport Eelde in the Netherlands. As an alternative to the traditional Christmas cards to its business relations, Groningen Airport Eelde (GAE) each year selects a good cause to donate the equivalent amount of money to. Its business relations receive their wishes by e-mail. This year, the AviAssist Foundation was selected from among a shortlist of good causes. AviAssist Director Kok received the funds in a small ceremony at GAE.

"Having worked with the AviAssist Foundation on various occasions now, the majority of our staff were inspired by the work done by the Foundation in our industry" GAE airport manager Onno de Jong explained.

"For the Foundation, it's a wonderful piece of recognition of its work from colleagues in the industry," explained AviAssist Director Tom Kok. "We are very grateful to Groningen Airport Eelde for their donation. To the outside world, it may initially seem as a small donation but with the Foundation's cost structure, the donation will go a long way. The donation will be used to produce a leaflet on the hazards of wildlife around airports for the people living around African airports. The leaflet will be made with the assistance of Ugandan wildlife expert Gloria Kirabo and a comic book designer. By setting the leaflet in local languages and deploying the tool in 40 African countries together with the magazine, the Foundation will assist airport operators in the region with sensitising communities around airports. As such it will support our airport wildlife management program towards East and Southern Africa".

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The AviAssist Foundation is an independent, non-profit organization that promotes professionalism in African aviation safety. As regional affiliate of the Flight Safety Foundation, it provides safety support to African countries and companies and aims to promote professionalism in African aviation safety. It does so in close coordination with ICAO, stakeholders and safety support providers.

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