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Foundation Board welcomes Kenya Airways

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At its June 7 board meeting, the AviAssist Foundation (AF) welcomed Ron Schipper as a new board member. Schipper is board member of both Kenya Airways and Tanzania's Precision Air. The board also welcomed Head of Flight Operations Michiel van Dorst as KLM's new board member, succeeding Elfrieke van Galen who left KLM earlier this year.

"The Foundation will shortly finalise its 2010-2014 Strategic Plan" said AF chairman Bert Kraan. "The implementation of this plan will see the start of its flagship magazine *SafetyFocus* this summer, an exciting new product of the Foundation. The magazine will mean a major step forward in access to best practices for the region's aviation professionals. Advertisers from various branches of the aviation industry are using the magazine for the unique marketing opportunity that it is. With those advertisements being carried in 22 East and Southern African countries, the Foundation is enabled to distribute the magazine for free to a large audience."

"The plan's implementation will also see the development and roll out of an aviation data & safety enhancement (ADSE) tool to serve the region's growing safety data requirements," Kraan continued. "The strategic plan will guide the efforts at making best safety practices and the global aviation safety roadmap available in the region through amongst others its Training Centre Capacity building Program (TCCP) and support to the East African- interim Wildlife Management Committee (supported by the Netherlands Ministry of Transport)"

"The expansion of the board with Kenya Airways signifies the increasing recognition of the Foundation's added value to safety promotion and assurance in East and Southern Africa (ESAF)" explained AviAssist Director Tom Kok.

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