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IBAC Welcomes Jason Starke, New IS-BAO Operations Manager

Montreal, Canada 11 July 2014 – IBAC welcomes Jason Starke as the new Operations Manager for the International Standard for Business Aircraft Operations (IS-BAO) Program from 14 July 2014. He joins IBAC from Universal Weather and Aviation and will apply his experience and knowledge to training operators and auditors on incorporating IS-BAO into business aviation safety programs and on evaluating for compliance with the industry's preeminent global, voluntary code of best safety practices. He will report to Sonnie Bates, Director, IS-BAO Program.

"The IBAC team is pleased to have Jason join us," said Kurt Edwards, IBAC Director General. "Not only does he have real-world and academic background in business aviation safety, he is also an enthusiastic advocate for the safety management system concept. He will be a terrific representative for the IS-BAO."

Most recently, Jason has served as the SMS Operations Manager for Universal, providing SMS solutions for operator clients. He is also a part-time simulator trainer for Flight Safety International. He has an Airline Transport Pilot certificate and is rated in the CE-500 and CL-600. Prior to Universal, Jason was both a pilot for and Director of Safety at Priester Aviation in Chicago where he developed the company's SMS and implemented its FOQA program. He had been a charter and EMS pilot for R&M Aviation before joining Priester.

Jason started his career as a satellite systems operator in the U.S. Air Force and has a B.S. in Meteorology from Northern Illinois University and a Master of Aviation Science from Everglades University.

At more than 700 registered operators worldwide, IS-BAO is a global code of best practice with a safety management system at its core. Tailored specifically for business aviation operators, it is built upon and consistent with the standards and recommended practices of the International Civil Aviation Organization. For more information, please visit www.ibac.org/is_bao-2.

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