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INDUSTRY TO ACT ASSERTIVELY AFTER MEETING WITH THE MINISTER AND D.C.A. ON 12-YEAR ENGINE RULING

After meeting with the Hon. Minister of Transport Mrs. Barbara Creecy, the Director of Civil Aviation (DCA) Ms. Poppie Khoza, and high-level executives on Thursday, 26 June 2025 in an attempt, on an amicable basis, to resolve the current crisis and harmful effects brought about by a ruling to revoke an exemption to the 12-year engine overhaul dispensation, effectively grounding over a thousand general and light commercial aviation aeroplanes and helicopters in South Africa, the AIC 18.19 Task Team representing the broader aviation industry will continue to act assertively and should the required solution not be achieved, legal action is not excluded.

Despite the SACAA attempting to refute the industry's position through accident statistics and a case study that are considered seriously flawed (according to the team comprising subject-matter experts from multiple disciplines), a request by the Hon. Minister to the industry to allude to arguments dealing with legal liability, essentially already covered by the revoked Air Information Circular (AIC) 18.19 and incumbent on the Regulator, the industry will co-operate in a last-ditch effort to stave off an economic implosion.

The industry considers such proactivity as a last-ditch attempt to exhaust all possible avenues and options to find an urgent resolve, notwithstanding the Regulator failing to conduct a proper investigation and consult with Industry to consider all aspects of the current disposition holistically. Further statements regarding the position of the industry, will be released on Wednesday, 2 July 2025 after issuing a letter to the Hon. Minister and relevant parties. [End]

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