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### TECHNICAL APPROVED PERSON SEMINAR - REPORT -

Effective date: 02 March 2017

The Technical Approved Person Seminar, hosted by RAASA attracted 92 Technical Approved Persons and prominent role players in the aviation fraternity on 23 February 2017.

#### This session focused on:

- NTCA MCM and NTCA maintenance facilities in context of AMOs, and the proposed Part 55
- Administrative matters to be kept in mind by technical personnel
- RAASA NTCA technical advisory committee and its role
- Insurance applicable to APs
- Regulatory development and legal matters
- Test flying a NTCA
- Denel – Composite: SA Design and built FAR 25 Project
- AHRLAC (Advanced High Performance, Reconnaissance, Light Aircraft)

#### Summary

The Seminar was formally opened by **Neil de Lange**, Chief Executive officer of RAASA who gave an introduction and overview of the scene.

**Pierre Laubscher**, RAASA Operations Manager gave an overview of the proposed regulation, providing for NTCA maintenance facilities and its applicability.

RAASA Inspector, **Katiso Mthembu**, explained the common errors made on applications for ATF documents and how to complete application forms.

**Johan Lok**, Chair of the Aeroclub AP Scheme discussed the roles and the difference between the Aero Club of South Africa AP scheme and the RAASA Technical Advisory Committee.

**Dorrien Andrews**, Managing Director of Flightsure Aviation Insurance, highlighted the legal liability faced by technical approved persons and the importance of insurance cover.

**Neil de Lange** emphasised the importance of regulatory development through Project 24, as most parts of the regulation do not adequately provide for NTCA operations, he also highlighted how these regulations will benefit the recreational aviation industry.

**Marco Andreani**, Chief Engineer of Denel, discussed the SARA (South African Regional Aircraft) project and briefed attendees on the need to upskill 20 new companies within South Africa to support the project. He mentioned new investments made to meet production deliveries in the international aircraft supply chain. The project also aims at developing community airport infrastructure, a viable solution to the increased rural demand for air transport.

**Gen. Des Barker** shared the most critical and important elements which affect the performance of the aircraft after modification; he also demonstrated and emphasised the importance of test flying the aircraft.

**Paul Potgieter**, founder of AHRLAC (Advanced High Performance, Reconnaissance, Light Aircraft)

gave a broad overview on the development of AHRLAC and challenges they faced during the program; he shared the journey of testing new parts, building AHRLAC and test flying the aircraft.

A question and answers session completed the programme.

The closing remarks of a successful seminar was made by Mr. Chris Linakis, a Director of RAASA

#### **TECHNICAL APPROVED PERSON SEMINAR 2017 GUEST SPEAKERS**



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RAASA would like to thank all speakers, technical approved persons, aircraft owners and prominent role-players whose active participation, input and support made this event possible.

***THIS SEMINAR WAS HOSTED BY RAASA, TO IMPROVE QUALITY AND SAFETY IN THE TECHNICAL ENVIRONMENT.***

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