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HOSEA KUTAKO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT RESCUE AND FIRE FIGHTING (ARFF) CATEGORY DOWNGRADED TO CATEGORY 5 BY ICAO

The Namibia Airports Company (NAC) hereby confirms that the Airport Rescue and Fire-fighting (ARFF) Category at Hosea Kutako International Airport has been downgraded to category 5 following the audit by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) carried out on Monday, 21 July 2014.

As a result of the audit findings, the NAC has 15 days to address the issues that were identified as critical by ICAO. NAC would like to assure the public that we are and remain confident of meeting these deadlines as agreed upon by ICAO.

Furthermore, we would also like to inform that NAC procured eleven (11) Fire Trucks through a public tender of which the first delivery was made on 23 July 2014. The training on the operation of the new Fire Trucks will commence on Monday 28 July 2014 and shall run for a period of four (4) days whereafter the new truck will be commissioned into operation by 01 August 2014. The second delivery is expected to arrive on the first week of August 2014.

The air operators are currently underway with risk assessment to determine the safe operations of their aircraft at HKIA.

NAC, remains committed to management and developing safe and secure airports with due consideration of the interest of our stakeholders. Hosea Kutako International Airport remains operational as the flagship airport of Namibia and the gateway to the rest of the world.

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