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AviationManuals Broadens Team, Expands to Larger Offices

AviationManuals has expanded its staff and moved into larger, more environmentally friendly offices to reinforce the client experience, support ongoing growth and to allow for continued product development in new business aviation sectors.

"This past year was another strong one for AviationManuals, with a large number of product launches and upgrades," said CEO Mark Baier. "So, to ensure we are able to continue to provide the quick, quality and individualized support our clients deserve, we have expanded our team and moved into bigger offices to meet those expectations. With this growth, our product teams are positioned to continue to deliver the very best client experience."
Growing Staff

The company added eight new team members in several areas to handle increased business volume in both digital aviation manual development services and Safety Management System (SMS) software. These include software development, IT customer support, business development, marketing, international operations, and accounting.

Additionally, professionals were added to support market entry into commercial, remotely piloted aerial systems



and fixed base operations. In response to AviationManuals' growing international business offerings, the company hired native Spanish and French speakers for enhanced client relations.

New and Larger Offices

The company recently moved to a top floor 5,000 square foot office just north of Washington D.C., in Rockville, Md., at One Irvington Centre. The

building is a LEED Gold certified green building and part of a 435-acre master planned community. The new substantially larger office footprint accommodates the growing team at AviationManuals, skilled in providing digital manuals and SMS software to thousands of clients online and via iPad. AviationManuals, based in the Washington, D.C. area, provides operations manuals to fixed- and rotary-wing

operators, drone operators, technicians, and FBOs worldwide. Founded in 1996, the company has produced thousands of manuals. AviationManuals' sister company ARC offers an affordable web- and iPad-based modular solution to submit, store and analyze SMS data. For more information about ARC, visit www.arcsky.com.

Products and services include SMS Software, Flight/Company Operations Manuals, FBO Manuals, International Operations and Procedures Manuals, Minimum Equipment Lists, Emergency Response Plans, and Internal Audit Programs, as well as Letters of Authorization (LOA) support for RVSM, Data Link (CPDLC / ADS-C), PBN (RNP-10 / -4, NAT HLA, B-/P-RNAV, and RNP-1), Enhanced Flight Vision Systems (EFVS), and EFBs. AviationManuals is a member of the National Business Aviation Association (NBAA) International

ETIHAD AIRWAYS LOVES YOU TO THE BLUE MOON AND BACK THIS VALENTINE'S DAY

Guests arriving into Manchester Airport from Abu Dhabi felt the love as Etihad Airways surprised them with Manchester City-themed gifts in celebration of Valentine's Day. Gifts appeared among the baggage as excited guests waited for their belongings. City mascot, Moonchester handed out Manchester City jerseys, mini footballs, scarves as well as model Etihad Airways aircraft painted in City colours. Two very lucky guests were gifted with return flights to Abu Dhabi, courtesy of Etihad Airways.

The words "We love you to the blue moon and back" appeared along the baggage belt, showing Etihad's support for the Manchester community, the team, and the wider City family. Yasser Al Yousuf, Vice President, Commercial Partnerships, Etihad Aviation Group, said: "As the principal partner of the club for more than 10 years, we wanted to show our love for the club, the fans and our guests, and couldn't think of a better way than to surprise them with City-themed gifts for Valentine's Day."

Etihad guests travelling on 14 February from Abu Dhabi International Airport across the entire network, will be treated to Valentine's Day themed desserts in all cabins, designed by the airline's in-house culinary team. In addition, guests can shop duty free from their seat with Vibe, our onboard lifestyle and shopping magazine and take advantage of a Valentine's Day sale on a number of the latest fragrances, jewellery, watches and must-have accessories.

Danube Island Festival Special - June 2020



Danube Island Festival is the largest music festival in Europe.

ETIHAD AIRWAYS LAUNCHES TRAVELPASS, AN INNOVATIVE SUBSCRIPTION-BASED TRAVEL SOLUTION

Etiha Airways has announced a partnership with Norwegian technology developer Braathens IT, to develop TravelPass, an innovative travel solution initially aimed at corporate and frequent travellers which will launch later this year. The new TravelPass technology provides a subscription-based travel solution, allowing Etihad to offer its frequent guests complete flexibility and ease with their regular and recurring travel arrangements. Customers can purchase a TravelPass for a set number of trips or a particular travel period instead of purchasing flights one by one. Subscription-based travel is good news for the aviation industry as it provides customers with the choice between prepaid trips and pay-as-you-fly options, meeting the demands of flexibility, ease of



booking and cost-efficient travel management.

Robin Kamark, Chief Commercial Officer, Etihad Aviation Group, said: “The innovative TravelPass technology offers a revolutionary booking experience for corporate and frequent clients who will also be enrolled into our award-winning Etihad Guest frequent flyer programme. By

simplifying the travel process to just a few clicks, our guests have a seamless transaction through a platform that holds all your details in one place, gives you the flexibility to make changes to your bookings without fees and gives you the choice to pay later. We know our corporate clients are time-poor and believe this innovative addition to our digital offering

will improve the travel journey for subscribers.”

The Etihad TravelPass will be available to book on the Etihad website on a desktop or mobile, offering customers an enhanced digital experience that saves time by avoiding repetitive tasks involved in managing each booking, leading to improved customer satisfaction.

Svein Therkelsen, Chief Executive Officer, Braathens IT, said: “Etihad is going to take sophisticated digital personalisation very far, everything from ease of use to customisation. They are an innovative player and they will continue in that direction to improve their customers’ digital experience using TravelPass.”

The platform is a logical extension of Etihad’s digital strategy which re-engineers the booking process for frequent flyers, improving their experience and loyalty.

Chelsea showcases new fluorimeters at Oceanology International

Chelsea Technologies (A Sonardyne Group Company) designs and manufactures ingenious environmental monitoring technology to make the world safer, cleaner and smarter.

For over 50 years, Chelsea has applied its deep passion for science and innovation to solve customers’ problems. Its fluorimeters, sensors & systems have been used around the world to help customers understand the natural environment, improve water treatment processes, comply with ballast water and exhaust gas wash water monitoring regulations, monitor for pollution and contaminants in rivers and lakes, and support oceanographic & defence research.

On display at Oceanology International will be a range of Chelsea’s sensors and systems for marine science, including multi-parameter and active fluorimeters for Primary Productivity Estimation,

BELL TEAMS UP WITH SUMITOMO CORPORATION AND JAPAN AIRLINES TO EXPLORE AIR MOBILITY

Bringing together a comprehensive set of partners with complementary capabilities to unlock the future of transport

Bell Textron Inc., a Textron Inc. (NYSE: TXT) company, announced a signed memorandum of understanding today with Sumitomo Corporation and Japan Airlines Co., Ltd., to explore Mobility-as-a-Service (MaaS) and to foster the required infrastructure and regulatory environment. This collaboration will inform the development of an on-demand air mobility ecosystem utilizing Bell’s air mobility solutions including Bell’s Air Taxi, the Nexus 4EX, in Japan. “We are excited to take this substantial step to bring together an international airline, a major infrastructure provider, and a VTOL OEM to work collaboratively on a more connected mobility future.”

said Bell’s Scott Drennan, Vice President of Innovation. “While we are known for our 80 years of creating vertical lift aircraft that move people, goods, and data, we also want to help shape the operational infrastructure in which they will live.”

Sumitomo is a 100-year-old global enterprise based in Japan focused on enriching lives and the world. Sumitomo is working to leverage their broad business portfolio spanning metal products, transportation & construction systems, infrastructure, media & digital, living related & real estate, and mineral resources, energy, and chemicals to support the development of the necessary

infrastructure and business use cases for air mobility. “We have been inspired by Bell’s vision and their capability of penetrating into this urban air mobility market,” said Eiji Ishida, Sumitomo’s Executive Officer of Lease, Ship & Aerospace Business Division. “All three companies bring a unique perspective, and we are excited to work together toward this new future.”

Japan Airlines (JAL) is a globally respected, international airline delivering Japanese hospitality worldwide by conducting numerous operations centering on the air transport business and improving customer’s convenience. Tomohiro

Nishihata, Japan Airlines’ Managing Executive Officer of Innovation stated, “Japan Airlines is eager to explore the future of air travel beyond its existing framework, and we believe this is the right team to set the standard in Japan for future cities to implement urban air mobility systems.”

Together, these companies will develop policy and planning recommendations, identify entry into service use cases and pilot programs, and develop infrastructure requirements that integrate into both current and future transportation systems and city standards to provide safe, accessible and sustainable multi-modal transportation system to our communities.



Thinking above and beyond is what we do. For more than 80 years, we’ve been reimagining the experience of flight – and where it can take us..

We are pioneers. We were the first to break the sound barrier and to certify a commercial helicopter. We were a part of NASA’s first lunar mission and brought advanced tiltrotor systems to market. Today, we’re defining the future of on-demand mobility.



ACE20 IS SET TO BE THE AIR CHARTER EXHIBITION OF THE YEAR

ACE20 (Air Charter Expo) is set to be the air charter exhibition of 2020, taking place on 15th September at London Biggin Hill Airport. This one-day event delivers a superb combination of aircraft on static display and booth exhibits, alongside a dedicated conference and training programme. ACE is jointly organised and hosted by The Air Charter Association, Business Air News and London Biggin Hill Airport and, for 2020, is due to be even bigger and better than previous years. Broker training will once again feature in the conference suite and gives attendees a taster of the Association's bespoke ACA Broker Qualification. Following the demand for training sessions at ACE in 2019 the conference suite is undergoing a redesign to provide a larger seating area for 2020. The event will again



be streamed live by webcast in order for those people unable to attend in person to log in and view the presentations. The static aircraft display at ACE has been growing year on year, and 2020 will be no exception. London Biggin Hill Airport has capacity to

increase the static display and welcome more aircraft to the exhibition. In previous years ACE has seen the largest number of business aircraft assembled for a one-day business aviation event in the UK. Other key developments for ACE20 include the introduction of digital registration, to expedite the check-in process as well delivering the most sustainable ACE to date. Chairman of The Air Charter Association, Nick Weston, advises "ACE has been an ongoing success which has seen significant growth during the last three years. We at The Air Charter Association are proud to be a part of it and look forward to working closely with Business Air News and London Biggin Hill Airport, to ensure that ACE20 is the best, biggest and most sustainable event so far."

WAI Founder Dr. Peggy Chabrian Is 2020 Cliff Henderson Trophy Recipient

NAA to award trophy at 31st International Women in Aviation Conference

Women in Aviation International is pleased to announce the National Aeronautic Association (NAA) has selected Dr. Peggy Chabrian, founder of Women in Aviation International, as the recipient of the 2020 Cliff Henderson Trophy. The Henderson Trophy, which is in the collection of the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum, was established in 1960 to honor the creator and Managing Director of the world-renowned National Air Races from 1928-1939. His work stimulated a generation's interest in aviation and challenged the state of the art in aviation development. The trophy is awarded to "...a living individual, group of individuals, or an organization whose vision, leadership or skill made a significant and lasting contribution to the promotion and advancement of aviation and aerospace in the United States." A deserving nominee is put forth annually by the President of the National Aeronautic Association to NAA's Executive Committee for confirmation by majority vote. Previous recipients of the Cliff Henderson Trophy

include Colonel Joseph Kittinger, Marion Blakey, The United States Air Force Academy, Anne Morrow Lindbergh, Lieutenant General James H. Doolittle, Senator Barry M. Goldwater, Clarence L. "Kelly" Johnson, Scott Crossfield, and the 2019 recipient –The Ninety Nines. Dr. Peggy Chabrian is being recognized for the creation of WAI, which began in 1990 when she gathered 150 people for the first Women in Aviation conference at Embry Riddle's Prescott, Arizona campus. Four years later, with the growing success of the annual conference, the aviation industry began to recognize and accept the need for the focus and energy offered by her vision. In December 1994, 16 founding board members, with Peggy as Founding President, established WAI as it is today. Presently, WAI's diverse membership of more than 14,000 includes representation from virtually every corner of the world's aviation community and the annual conference has grown to over 4,500 attendees and 175 exhibitors. WAI has awarded more than \$12 million in scholarships at its



conference since 1995. A longtime aviation enthusiast and professional aviation educator, Peggy is a commercial pilot with over 2,300 hours in airplanes, seaplanes, and helicopters. She has held several top positions in aviation education including Academic Dean and Associate Vice President of Parks College; Dean of Academic Support for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's (ERAU) Prescott, Arizona campus; Director of the Center of Excellence for Aviation/Space Education and faculty member at ERAU's Daytona Beach campus; and chair of the aviation department at Georgia State

Amber Smith, Combat Helicopter Pilot and Author, Confirmed as Speaker for WAI 2020 Conference



Amber Smith, combat helicopter pilot and author of *Danger Close: My Epic Journey as a Combat Helicopter Pilot in Iraq and Afghanistan* has been confirmed as a speaker for the 31st Annual Women in Aviation International Conference, augmenting an incredible roster of speakers. Amber joins Secretary of the U.S. Air Force Barbara Barrett; Stephanie Chung, JetSuite president; Col. Eileen Collins, NASA astronaut; Maj. Gen. Jeannie Leavitt, U.S. Air Force; and Joan Robinson-Berry, Boeing Global Services vice president & chief engineer, as keynote speakers for the March 5-7, 2020, Conference at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort in Lake Buena Vista,

University in Atlanta, Georgia. Peggy was the second woman to hold the position of dean of an engineering school in the United States. The recipient of numerous aviation and education awards, Peggy has received the FAA Administrator's Award for Excellence in Aviation Education and the Civic Award from the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. She has been inducted into the Crown Circle of the National Congress on Aviation and Space Education and received the Estridge Award from the University Aviation Association in recognition of a lifetime of dedicated service to aviation education. In 2009, Peggy was awarded the NAA Brewer Trophy for her contributions to aerospace education and in 2016 she was named an NAA Distinguished Statesman of Aviation. "If ever anyone has embodied the criteria for the Cliff Henderson Trophy it is Peggy

Florida. Amber Smith's career consists of over 15 years of experience in senior levels of government, a presidential administration, strategic communications and public affairs, as well as multiple combat tours as a light attack/reconnaissance helicopter pilot and air mission commander where she led missions in Iraq and Afghanistan. She is the author of *Danger Close: My Epic Journey as a Combat Helicopter Pilot in Iraq and Afghanistan*. Amber is currently the founder and president of Beacon Rock Strategies LLC, a strategic advisory and communications consulting firm. A former OH-58D Kiowa Warrior helicopter pilot-in-command and air mission commander in the 101st Airborne Division, Amber is a combat veteran of both the Iraq and Afghanistan wars where she worked closely with the U.S. Infantry, NATO ground troops, Special Forces, Marines, as well as flew aerial security for Air Force One in Afghanistan in 2008 for the President of the United States. Amber frequently appears on national TV networks as an expert in defense, national security, veterans affairs, and foreign policy.

Chabrian," said NAA President Greg Principato. "She is a visionary leader whose skill and energy have forever changed aviation for the better. Her work will truly inspire future aviators for generations to come. It is our honor to present the Henderson Trophy to Peggy Chabrian."

"I am extremely honored to be awarded the Cliff Henderson Trophy for 2020," said Peggy. "It is humbling to join the list of many great leaders in aviation who have been previously recognized. I appreciate the efforts of NAA over the years to support and enhance the aviation industry. And I would like to thank the many individuals who have supported me throughout my aviation journey." NAA will present the Henderson Trophy to Dr. Peggy Chabrian on March 6, 2020, at the 31st Annual International Women in Aviation Conference at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort in Lake Buena Vista,

MetaVR to provide visuals for additional US Air National Guard F-16 simulators

F-16 simulators equipped with MetaVR's Virtual Reality Scene Generator™ form part of the Mission Tactics Trainer (MTT) program operated by the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Command's Training Systems Support Center Brookline, MA. A total of 380 MetaVR Virtual Reality Scene Generator™ (VRSG) real time 3D licenses have been purchased for Air National Guard (ANG) F-16 Mission Tactics Trainer (MTT) simulators in what is the largest single VRSG order ever received by the company.

The simulators will be fielded in Tucson, AZ; Madison, WI; Atlantic City, NJ; Montgomery AL; and at Joint Base San Antonio, Lackland, TX, and Andrews Air Force Base (AFB), MD.

VRSG supports both the ANG and Air Force Reserve Command advanced pilot training in all current F-16 MTT configuration simulation systems in use. Most recently the system was rolled out across F-16C Block 30 simulators at Buckley AFB, CO, in 2019, where it is used for proficiency and currency maintenance pilot training by the 140th Wing of the Colorado ANG.

The system simulates multiple views for the F-16: out-the-window, embedded HUD, HMD/HMIT, real-time streaming protocol (RTSP) in the central display unit, ground map radar, targeting pod, and maverick missile displays. Combined with MetaVR 3D terrain and models, cockpit displays with native 4K (4096



Image: F-16 cockpit view of VRSG showing geospecific 3D terrain of Kelly Field, Lackland Air Force Base, built by MetaVR for the ANG

x 2160) resolution offer combat pilots an immersive field-of-view that renders the out-the window virtual environment with near 20/20 visual acuity.

The system is also in use on F-16C Block 30 simulators at Kelly Field, Lackland AFB; F-16C Block 30/40 simulators at Tucson ANG Base, AZ; and the F-16 Network Training Centre at Luke AFB. Elsewhere, VRSG supports Air Force Research Laboratory F-16 training research simulators; Air Force Reserve Command F-16C Block 30 Multi Task Trainers installed at Homestead Air Reserve Base (ARB), FL, and Fort Worth Naval Air Station JRB, TX; and on Belgian and Portuguese F-16 simulators for the 309th SMXG European Participating Air Forces program. VRSG has been delivering advanced image generation for F-16 combat aircraft simulators for many years,

and this latest order is testament to the system's capabilities to support a wide range of operational training scenarios," Garth Smith, President of MetaVR, commented. "We undertake continuous development of features and content to keep VRSG concurrent and compatible with the F-16 in its various configurations, in order to deliver a geospecific, high-fidelity training experience for the pilots that operate these aircraft, enabling them to maintain currency in hyper-realistic environments to help ensure mission success." MetaVR recently supplied the ANG with geospecific 3D terrain of most regions of the world for rendering in VRSG. MetaVR's world terrain, in round-earth geocentric Metadesic™ format, was provided for unlimited program reuse and redistribution. This terrain is updated routinely, based on customer needs.

MERIDIAN NAMES PATTI ANN SULLIVAN VICE PRESIDENT OF AIRCRAFT MANAGEMENT

"I am delighted to welcome Patti to the Meridian team," says Emillannone, Meridian's Chief Operating Officer. "Her background and experience in multiple disciplines within the industry will be a definite asset as we continue to grow our aircraft management business and, more importantly, strengthen our client relationships." Ms. Sullivan's responsibilities include developing and visiting prospective new clients, negotiating aircraft management agreements, coordinating with other Meridian departments to ensure a smooth transition from the sales process to in-service operation and managing regional sales executives. In addition, she will focus on the needs of existing customers, offering counsel on the optimum operational and financial strategies to maximize the value and efficiency of their aircraft ownership. Ms. Sullivan will also be an active presence in the industry, representing the company at various events and association meetings.

"I am delighted to join such a well-respected organization as Meridian," says Sullivan. "Meridian is a leader in the business aviation industry and is well-known for its outstanding customer satisfaction and commitment to excellence. I look forward to contributing to the continued growth of our aircraft management business."

Prior to joining Meridian, Ms. Sullivan was Executive Vice



President of Elevate Jet, an aircraft management and charter company in Bedford, MA. She also worked for Executive Jet Management (EJM), serving as an East Coast Vice President of Aircraft Management and Owner Services, successfully increasing the company's market share in the region. Prior to EJM, Ms. Sullivan held several positions of increasing responsibility in the aviation finance sector with a variety of leading institutions, including Key Bank and Textron Financial. She also has extensive experience providing strategic, operational and financial advisory services to aircraft management, charter and executive aviation enterprises.

Ms. Sullivan holds a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration with a minor in Finance from Boston University. She has earned Dale Carnegie Certificates in Sales, Presentation and Leadership Effectiveness. She is a past Board Member of NAFA, MBAA and NARA (associate) and is a member of NBAA, HAI, NATA and IAWA.

ETIHAD AVIATION TRAINING FIRST IN MID-EAST TO SECURE KEY EUROPEAN APPROVAL TO TRAIN BOEING 777, 787 PILOTS

Ethihad Aviation Training, the specialist training division of Ethihad Aviation Group, has become the first aviation company in the Middle East to gain approval from the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) to train Boeing 777 and 787 pilots for European operators and carriers elsewhere which adopt Europe's air safety standards. The approval to train pilots for these two wide-bodied Boeing aircraft types expands the global capabilities of Ethihad Aviation Training, which in 2018 also became the first Middle Eastern aerospace

business to gain EASA designation as an Approved Training Organisation for pilots of Airbus A320, A330 and A340 aircraft. Captain Paolo La Cava, Vice President and Managing Director of Ethihad Aviation Training, said continuing growth in global demand for air travel was driving increased requirements for pilot training. "Some operators have insufficient capacity to conduct training in their own facilities while others do not have in-house capabilities," said Captain La Cava. "In

addition to training pilots for Ethihad Airways, Ethihad Aviation Training also supports the requirements of many other operators for a range of aircraft types. The suite of offerings ranges from 'ab-Initio' courses to type rating and recurrent training, as well as Upset Recovery Training and Performance Based Navigation. Ethihad Aviation Training has 11 full motion training simulators, including five for Boeing 777 and 787 training, as well as fixed base devices, and training teams include

senior pilots actively flying for Ethihad Airways. Support options can also be provided, including accommodation, transport and even tourism for trainees in Abu Dhabi. Captain La Cava said the Boeing 777 and 787 were two of the most in-demand aircraft in service today, and as their deployment increased so too did demand for pilot training. He said Ethihad Aviation Training soon would also add training capability for the newest widebody aircraft in airline service, the Airbus A350

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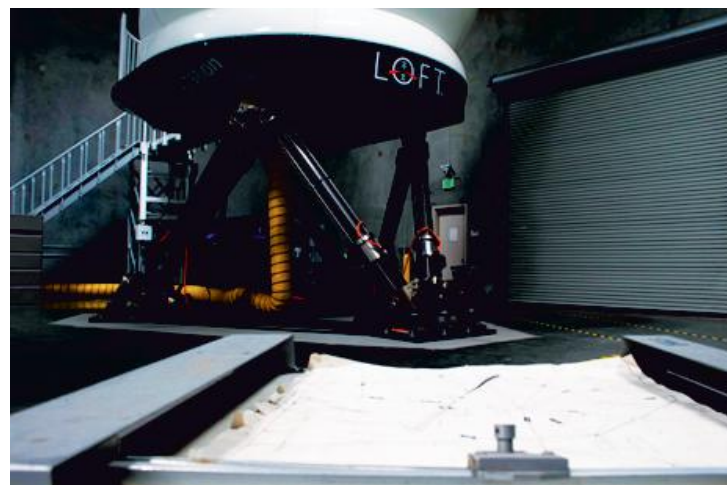
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AVIAA AND LOFT PARTNER ON CITATION AND CJ TRAINING OFFERING

AVIAA, the expanding group purchasing organization for business aviation, has added LOFT as another strategic partner for its membership. For the past 15 years, LOFT has provided experienced flight instruction to Cessna Citation and CJ pilots through the entire training process. Its unique Part 142 simulator training program, based in Carlsbad, California, will now be offered to the growing number of AVIAA members operating Citation C Series business jets.

"As our community grows, we understand the importance of offering our members training partners that have the ability to deliver the highest level of training and adapt to an operation's specific and ever-changing needs," said Matthew



Smith, AVIAA Chief Business Development Officer. "LOFT is a natural partner to add to our portfolio with its track record of experienced simulator pilot training, as well as the significant number of AVIAA members operating the

Citation jet. Insurance and crew training are critical operational pillars where AVIAA delivers economies of scale to members." LOFT recently added a new Cessna 560 Level D simulator at its location in Southern

California. Offering a wide variety of training courses as well as scheduling options, LOFT flight instructors are career aviators and professional pilots.

"We pride ourselves on specialized CJ and Citation initial and recurrent training at LOFT, and partnering with AVIAA will allow us to offer its members pilot instruction in a relaxed and professional environment," said Collin Yantos, LOFT Marketing Director. "All of our courses are taught with a proprietary curriculum and state-of-the-art technology to ensure the best training experience for pilots whether they are seeking initial type ratings, ATP certificates, SIC training, or insurance-approved recurrent training."

Ontario Confirms Resolved Case of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus

Today, Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health, confirmed that the province's third case of the 2019 novel coronavirus is now resolved: "On January 31, we reported a confirmed case located in London, Ontario. Additional testing has been conducted by both the Public Health Ontario Laboratory and the National Microbiology Lab (Winnipeg). The case has had two negative tests at least 24 hours apart and is therefore considered to be resolved. This means the individual is no longer infectious with the 2019 novel coronavirus.

I want to reassure everyone that the risk from 2019 novel coronavirus to Ontarians remains low. I'd like to thank our partners across the health care system for their continued efforts in containing the virus and protecting the health and well-being of individuals and families across the province."

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Premiering Ontario's Film and Television Advisory Panel

Panel members to advise on opportunities to grow province's film and television industries

The Ontario government is establishing a new Ministers' Film and Television Advisory Panel to provide expert advice on ways to grow the film and television industries in Ontario. "Ontario is open for business, open for jobs, and open for film and television productions," said Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries. "These industries contribute nearly \$2 billion and more than 37,000 jobs in Ontario. With the help of this panel of experts, I'm confident we can grow Ontario's spectacular double bottom line by attracting more high-value productions that drive our economy, create jobs and strengthen our unique cultural identity."

First announced in the 2019 Ontario Budget, the panel will report jointly to the Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries, and the Minister of Finance. Jim Mirkopoulos, Vice President, Cinespace Film Studios, will act as Chair to provide the

government evidence and advice on trends, challenges and opportunities facing the film and television production industries. Christina Jennings, Founder, Chairman and CEO of Shaftesbury, will serve as Vice Chair.

"Ontario's film and television industry creates jobs and contributes to local economies in communities across our province," said Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance. "Our government looks forward to receiving the panel's recommendations on how to support this sector's continued competitiveness and deliver maximum value for Ontario."

Ontario's film and television industry continues to experience steady growth and make important economic and cultural contributions to the province. In 2018, film and television production supported by the province was up from 2017 by almost 19 per cent, and the number of jobs also increased by 4,300.

"It is a privilege to act as Chair on the Ministers' Film and

Television Advisory Panel," said Jim Mirkopoulos. "The panel members and I look forward to working with the government. Working together, we can advance this important industry to enhance both its economic impact and profile for everyone's benefit."

QUICK FACTS

- There was a healthy balance between domestic and foreign film and television production in 2018, with just over \$1 billion in foreign production spending and almost \$850 million in domestic production spending in Ontario.

- Notable foreign feature and series productions made in Ontario in 2018 include: It Chapter Two, Shazam!, Star Trek: Discovery, The Umbrella Academy and The Handmaid's Tale. Many of Ontario's domestic TV series are selling in the U.S. and globally, including: Workin' Moms, Kim's Convenience, Letterkenny and Cardinal.

training students for the jobs of today and the future," said Minister Romano. "This new pathway for nursing education will offer students greater choice and make it easier for them to pursue rewarding nursing careers."

Since the collaborative nursing model was implemented in 2000, postsecondary education and health systems have grown and evolved. Many colleges now have experience in offering stand-alone degree programs in other areas of study. And both colleges and universities are able and willing to offer their own degrees independent of a partner institution. This new policy will expand choice for students and give institutions greater autonomy and flexibility over their programming, while maintaining excellence in nursing education. Institutions will be able to choose whether to deliver their programs collaboratively or on a stand-alone basis.

"This will give Ontarians the opportunity for more choices, while ensuring we maintain the highest quality nursing workforce," said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "Nurses play a vital role in the delivery of health care as we continue to build a connected and sustainable health care system centred around the needs of patients."

"This is an important step forward in ensuring communities, such as the ones we serve in central Ontario, have the talented nurses who are so integral to Ontario's health care system," said MaryLynn West-Moynes, President and CEO of Georgian College. "I want to thank the government for making this important policy

decision so colleges throughout Ontario can deliver degree nursing programs."

"We have heard that students entering nursing programs wish to complete their studies right here at home," said the Hon. Bill Walker, MPP for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound. "This announcement is incredibly important to rural areas like Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound to encourage more local students to enter nursing which will also significantly benefit our local hospitals."

Maintaining excellence in nursing education continues to be a priority for Ontario. By having safeguards in place, Ontario is ensuring we maintain excellence in nursing education, while expanding choice for students and providing greater autonomy to institutions

QUICK FACTS

- To become a registered nurse in Ontario (and a member of the College of Nurses of Ontario), students must obtain a BScN degree.

- Most institutions in Ontario currently offer nursing programs for future registered nurses through a collaborative partnership.

- Successful implementation of this new policy is dependent on the Ministry of Health working with the College of Nurses of Ontario to amend a regulation made under the Nursing Act, 1991.

Providing institutions with the option to continue a collaborative partnership or offer a stand-alone program for future registered nurses allows greater flexibility, while continuing to equip students with the skills and training necessary to meet the standards of care Ontarians deserve from our health care professionals.

Minister of Education Welcomes Further Bargaining With AEFO

Today, Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, issued the following statement in response to returning to mediation with AEFO:

"We look forward to the opportunity to negotiate to

reach a settlement that keeps students in class and ends the union-led disruption that is affecting so many students across the province. Parents expect all parties to meet at the negotiating table and have

meaningful, student-centric discussions.

We continue to ask the unions to come to the table with realistic proposals that prioritize student success.

Enough is enough. Students should be in class."

Ontario Offering Greater Choice for Nursing Students

New Policy Empowers Institutions to Offer Nursing Degrees Independently

The Ontario government is making changes to permit colleges and universities to offer Bachelor nursing degree programs on a stand-alone basis. For colleges, this will be the first time they would be able to offer the Bachelor of

Science in Nursing (BScN) degree independently of a university partner.

Today, Ross Romano, Minister of Colleges and Universities, was at Georgian College to announce a new nursing education policy that will give

students more choice around accessing a high-quality education to pursue a rewarding career in registered nursing.

"Building Ontario's economy means ensuring our postsecondary institutions are

Manitoba News Release: Manitoba Celebrates Free Winter Family Fishing Weekend

Anglers will not need an angling licence to try their luck during this year's Winter Family Fishing Weekend from Feb. 15 to 17, Agriculture and Resource Development Minister Blaine Pedersen announced today. "There are endless fishing opportunities to be found throughout Manitoba, and ice fishing is a great way to spend time with friends and family outdoors," said Pedersen. "We encourage all Manitobans and visiting anglers to take advantage of our amazing fisheries free of charge." Anglers will be able to fish without a licence provincewide except in national parks where a federal licence will still be

required. Conservation limits apply to those fishing without a licence. Anglers should be sure conditions are safe before venturing onto the ice. It is important to let someone know where you are fishing and to wear appropriate clothing so the ice-fishing experience will be enjoyable. Manitobans are reminded that when fishing in an Aquatic Invasive Species Control Zone, all live bait must be discarded before leaving the shoreline. Commercially supplied dead bait that has not come into contact with water from a waterbody in an Aquatic Invasive Species Control Zone can be retained by anglers for future use.

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Paris - January 14, 2020

Belgium – Meeting between Jean-Yves Le Drian and Philippe Goffin, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Defense of the Kingdom of Belgium (January 14, 2020)

Jean-Yves Le Drian, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, is meeting today with his Belgium counterpart, Philippe Goffin. This meeting falls within the framework of the close cooperation between our two countries on international and European issues, further strengthened by Belgium's current membership of the UN Security Council.

The ministers will exchange views on the management of major international crises and will discuss support for the external operations to which our two countries contribute alongside each other. They will focus on making our joint commitments a reality, and on further strengthening our cooperation on conflict prevention and stabilization, notably in the Sahel and in the Great Lakes region, in the context of their commitment to the fight against terrorist groups. The ministers will also discuss the Syrian and Libyan issues, as well as the ongoing crisis in the Middle East, regarding which Jean-Yves Le Drian will underscore France's determination to work together with Belgium toward achieving a de-escalation.

International trade – Jean-Baptiste Lemoyne's

participation in the Trade Policy Follow-Up Committee (Paris - January 13, 2020)

Jean-Baptiste Lemoyne, Minister of State attached to the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, convened, on January 13, the Trade Policy Follow-Up Committee, a forum that brings together parliamentarians, professional associations, unions and NGOs involved in monitoring issues related to international trade agreements.

On this occasion, the minister of state reaffirmed France's trade priorities, a few weeks after the inauguration of the new European institutions. He took stock of the trade tensions seen at the global level and their consequences for the EU, underscoring the support measures planned for the French firms affected. The discussions in progress at the European level relating to WTO modernization, as well as the challenges related to Brexit, notably France's priorities with respect to the future relationship between the EU and the United Kingdom, were also discussed.

During this committee meeting, Jean-Baptiste Lemoyne also reported on the status of trade talks with the U.S. and current negotiations on commercial agreements. With regard to progress on the action plan adopted on October 25, 2017, by the government in conjunction with the implementation of the

Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (AECG/CETA) with Canada, he emphasized that two of its top priorities—developing a carbon inclusion mechanism, or carbon border tax, and making compliance with the Paris Agreement a key clause in EU agreements—were included by the European Commission in the European Green Deal it proposed in December 2019.

The meeting featured an in-depth discussion on defense and the promotion of French economic interests with a very large panel of professionals working on commercial subjects and on French and EU commercial priorities, in particular the consideration of health challenges and sustainable development in trade agreements signed by the EU and its international partners.

Libya

What is the position of French diplomats on the Turkish and Russian efforts in the Libyan conflict?

I refer you to the reply given by Jean-Yves Le Drian in his interview with the daily Sud-Ouest yesterday: the instability and chaos in Libya are due to clashes between militias, the instability and, all sorts of trafficking, the pillaging of resources that are supposed to benefit all Libyans, and growing interference from foreign powers. Things cannot remain as they are.

We are in close contact with our European partners and we agree on certain principles: there will be no military solution or any solution that is exempt from international law, or any solution that comes about via the intervention of foreign countries using Libya as a

battleground. On this basis, an international conference will be held in Berlin and will be attended by the most important Libyan and international actors, including the UN and the African Union. It is a good initiative, enabling the announced truce to lead to a lasting cessation of hostilities and allowing a genuine political process and dialogue among the Libyan parties to get under way.

Iran

Paris - January 15, 2020

Does France - either as a country or as an EU member - already impose sanctions against Iran? If so, how many sanctions are there and which authorities or sectors of the Iranian economy are they targeted against?

As the minister reaffirmed yesterday in his joint statement together with his German and British counterparts on the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, "the E3 have fully upheld their JCPOA commitments, including sanctions-lifting as foreseen under the terms of the agreement." Indeed, I want to remind you that on January 16, 2016, the EU lifted all sanctions imposed by the Security Council on the one hand as well as those that had been adopted at the European level on the other. As a result, no sector of the Iranian economy is subject to sanctions imposed by the EU or its member states.

In order to help preserve the JCPOA, the EU and the E3 have undertaken additional and voluntary efforts, notably through the creation of the INSTEX special purpose vehicle aimed at facilitating legitimate trade between European economic operators and Iran.

I also want to remind you that under the Common Foreign and Security Policy and in accordance with the UN Security Council resolutions, notably resolution 2231 (2015) concerning Iran, the EU nevertheless continues to enforce restrictive measures against entities and individuals in relation to several areas:

•the fight against the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, especially in the nuclear and ballistic missile field since 2010.

•human rights violations: Since 2011, the EU has adopted restrictive measures (freezing of assets and visa bans) against individuals and entities responsible for serious human rights violations. The EU also prohibits the export to Iran of equipment which might be used for internal repression as well as equipment for monitoring telecommunications. Since then, these measures have been extended on an annual basis. On April 8, 2019, the Council extended these measures until April 13, 2020.

•the fight against terrorism: The Directorate for Internal Security of the Iranian Ministry for Intelligence and several of its members have therefore been included in the EU counter-terrorist sanctions regime since January 8, 2019.

Paris - January 16, 2020

Visit by Jean-Yves Le Drian to Saudi Arabia (January 16-17, 2019) Jean-Yves Le Drian, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, is visiting Saudi Arabia from January 16 to 17.

He will notably meet with his counterparts, Prince Faisal bin Farhan bin Abdullah al-Saud, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Adel al-Jubeir, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs.

Jean-Yves Le Drian will talk to

his interlocutors about all regional issues of common interest:

- in a context of strong regional tensions, he will reaffirm France's willingness to focus every effort on facilitating a de-escalation in order to preserve the stability and security of the region as a whole;
 - he will underscore the need to continue the fight against terrorism within the framework of the Global Coalition against Daesh;
 - he will also reaffirm France's support for the ongoing discussions between the different parties to the conflict in Yemen.
- These meetings will provide an opportunity to take stock of the strengthening of bilateral relations between France and Saudi Arabia, notably in the economic and cultural spheres. The minister for Europe and foreign affairs will visit the site of Al-Ula, a symbol of the cooperation between France and Saudi Arabia in the area of heritage.

In the context of the Saudi presidency of the G20 and in advance of the G20 finance ministers' meeting on February 22 and 23, Jean-Yves Le Drian will reaffirm France's priorities: reform of the international trade system, the fight against climate change and the protection of biodiversity, reform of the international tax system and the strengthening of gender equality.

Lastly, he will meet with the French community in Riyadh.

Iran – Nuclear issue Is it true that the Trump administration threatened to impose a 25% tax on imports of European cars if France, the United Kingdom and Germany did not formally accuse Iran of violating the 2015 nuclear deal? What is the response by the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs to this report in the Washington Post?

Please refer to the statement issued by the heads of state and

government of France, the UK and Germany on Sunday, January 12, in which they reaffirmed their attachment to the JCPoA and to its preservation.

We are committed to this agreement and remain strictly within its framework. With this in mind—and the minister reaffirmed this again yesterday at the National Assembly—we have decided to use all provisions of the JCPoA, including the dispute resolution mechanism, not in order to withdraw from the agreement, but to establish a forum for political dialogue with Iran within the agreement.

During our recent exchanges, the U.S. administration took note of this position and indicated that it respected it.

Please also refer to the joint communiqué issued by the ministers of the E3 (France, Germany, United Kingdom) and the EU high representative on November 11, 2019, in which they affirmed "their readiness to consider all mechanisms in the JCPoA, including the dispute resolution mechanism, to resolve the issues related to Iran's implementation of its JCPoA commitments."

Can you confirm the date on which the dispute resolution mechanism in the Iran nuclear deal will be triggered?

It is up to the EU high representative, in his capacity as coordinator of the JCPoA Joint Commission, to set out the details and timing of the process.

Paris - January 17, 2020

European Union – Jean-Yves Le Drian's participation in the Foreign Affairs Council (Brussels - January 20, 2020)

Jean-Yves Le Drian, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, will take part in the Foreign Affairs Council (FAC) in Brussels on January 20.

This FAC will provide an

opportunity to discuss the following issues:

- **Sahel: The ministers will discuss the EU strategy on this region in order to strengthen the commitment of the EU and its member states. During the meeting, the minister will present the progress achieved at the summit in Pau on January 13, notably the plans, announced together with the Sahel countries, to launch a Coalition for the Sahel, inviting the EU to play its full role within it and reaffirming the central role of the Partnership for Stability and Security in the Sahel.**

- **Middle East: In follow-up to the extraordinary meeting of the Foreign Affairs Council on January 10, the ministers will discuss initiatives that the EU could undertake in order to facilitate a de-escalation of tensions in the Gulf, notably in the area of maritime security, as well as the most recent developments related to the Iranian nuclear issue. They will reaffirm our attachment to the JCPOA and our joint efforts to preserve it.**

- **Other current international issues: The ministers will discuss the situation in Libya one day after the summit in Berlin (January 19), which should foster the emergence of a political solution to the Libyan conflict and confirm European mobilization in support of this issue. The ministers will also address the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and the preservation of the internationally agreed parameters in this respect will be reaffirmed. They will also discuss the political situation in Venezuela and Bolivia.**

- **Fight against climate change: In follow-up to the Green Deal presented by the European Commission on December 11 and given the**

leadership role that the EU intends to assume in this area, climate diplomacy will be central to the discussions during this session. We will lend our support to the mobilization of the European institutions and member states in order to increase the level of environmental ambition of the EU's future external action instruments, to make trade policy a genuine tool for advancing climate diplomacy, and to secure stronger commitments from the main greenhouse gas-emitting countries.

French citizens abroad – Approval of electronic voting for consular elections (January 15, 2020)

On January 15, the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs approved a new Internet-voting platform for the consular elections of May 2020, as the proper security measures were in place and a positive opinion was handed down by the members of the electoral commission.

This important milestone means that French citizens abroad will have the choice of voting to choose their representatives in May 2020 in person, by proxy, or via the Internet.

This third voting method awaited by our compatriots abroad will help facilitate their participation in democratic life. It implements the commitment taken by President Macron before the Assembly of French Citizens Abroad on October 2, 2017.

The electoral commission chaired by the director of French Citizens Abroad and the Consular Administration and consisting of the president of the Electronic Voting Office, the director general of the National Agency for the Security of Information Systems (ANSSI),

the Ministerial Head of Security and Information Systems (RSSI) and the Director of Digital Affairs, handed down its decision after reviewing audits and the results of a risk analysis carried out by independent experts.

The platform was subjected to a number of technical tests to ensure its robustness and security. Two full-scale tests were carried out in July and November 2019 with 12,000 volunteer voters under the supervision of the Electronic Voting Office and independent experts.

Cuba – Meeting between Jean-Baptiste Lemoyne and the Cuban Vice President of the Council of Ministers (January 16, 2020)

Jean-Baptiste Lemoyne, Minister of State attached to the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, met on January 16 with Ricardo Cabrisas Ruiz, Cuba's Vice President of the Council of Ministers, who was in France for the annual meeting between Cuban authorities and the Paris Club group of creditors.

During their meeting, the implementation of the December 2015 agreement between Cuba and the group of creditors on the forgiveness of arrears was discussed, as well as the implementation of the agreement reached by France and Cuba on February 1, 2016, on debt repayment.

They also reviewed bilateral relations and the cooperation projects discussed at the 4th Session of the Franco-Cuban Economic and Commercial Commission and the 4th Meeting of the Strategic Orientation Committee, which deals with the Countervalue Fund, on December 6. Jean-Baptiste Lemoyne reiterated France's desire to continue supporting the development of economic cooperation projects with Cuba.