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IBAC Welcomes Bennet A. Walsh as IS-BAO Director

Montreal, Canada 15 August 2016 – The International Business Aviation Council (IBAC) welcomes Bennet A. Walsh as the Director of the International Standard for Business Aircraft Operations (IS-BAO) Programme from 15 August 2016. He joins IBAC from Jet Edge International in Van Nuys, California, and will apply his experience and knowledge as a pilot and chief safety officer in managing and growing the IS-BAO Programme.

“IBAC is pleased to have Ben lead this critical programme,” said Kurt Edwards, IBAC Director General. “He brings a wealth of experience as a former pilot flying international routes and as an executive responsible for the safety of a fast-growing, international charter operator.”

Ben joins IBAC from Jet Edge International where he was the Senior Vice President for Safety and Operations, responsible for all operational aspects of the company’s growing fleet. A leader in the safety field, Ben successfully guided Jet Edge as one of the first charter operators into the Aviation Safety Action Program (ASAP) of the Federal Aviation Administration and led the operator to IS-BAO registration. He has seen IS-BAO from an auditor’s perspective while working for Argus. Prior to that, Ben was a pilot and simulator instructor for Delta Air Lines and, earlier, for a corporate flight department.

Ben served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He has a B.A. in Aviation Resource Management from Troy State University.

At more than 720 registered operators worldwide, IS-BAO is a global, voluntary 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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