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IBAC Welcomes Industry & Operator Member Participation **- GCI Joins IBAC as First Operator Affiliate Member**

EBACE 2018 – Geneva, Switzerland – The International Business Aviation Council (IBAC), the global voice of business aviation since 1981, continues to welcome new membership participation through its industry and operator member categories.

IBAC also announces the first Operator Affiliate member is GCI General Communication Corporation from Anchorage, Alaska USA.

“We welcome Mr. Ron Duncan, CEO and co-founder of GCI and truly appreciate his support of IBAC by joining us as an operator affiliate,” stated Kurt Edwards, IBAC Director General. “Ron is an active pilot and member of the NBAA Board of Directors and has been an advocate for business aviation since he founded his communication company in Alaska. He recognizes the importance of international advocacy for the industry and therefore supports IBAC.”

“In 2016, Bombardier became our first IBAC Industry Partner and they have been a valuable ally and supporter on many IBAC initiatives over the last few years. Our deepest gratitude goes out to both GCI and Bombardier as their involvement allows IBAC’s membership to reflect the diversity of the business aviation community and will enhance our efforts to meet the needs of a growing sector,” added Edwards

“The work that IBAC does to promote business aviation and facilitate global access is vital to everyone who uses a business airplane internationally,” commented Ronald Duncan, CEO of General Communication, Inc. (GCI). “GCI is pleased to be the first of what I hope will be many IBAC Operator Affiliates.”

Industry Partner Membership – Business aviation manufacturers and service providers can participate in and support IBAC’s global efforts on behalf of the industry as Industry Partners. Partners will comprise the IBAC Industry Advisory Group (IAG), have a voice on the IBAC Governing Board through the IAG, participate in IBAC-related events, and be linked to business aviation’s premier safety programs: IS-BAO and IS-BAH.

Operator Affiliate – In response to operator requests for a means to support IBAC, business aviation operators may make a direct contribution toward IBAC’s efforts and become Operator Affiliates. Operator Affiliates will receive timely updates on developments affecting business aviation around the world and be recognized publicly for supporting the global organization working on behalf of the industry.

EBACE attendees are invited to visit the IBAC stand (C56) to learn more about IBAC, new membership options, and several initiatives they are involved in to keep business aviation flying.

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