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IBAC Welcomes Claude Hurley as New Environment and Flight Operations Director

MONTREAL – 04 January 2023 – The International Business Aviation Council (IBAC) announced this week that Capt. Claude Hurley, FRAeS, has joined IBAC as the new Director, Environment and Flight Operations.

Kurt Edwards, IBAC Director General, commented, “We are honored to have Claude join the IBAC team. Given his respected work at ICAO as Canada’s Representative to the Council and as an Air Navigation Commissioner, his regulatory experience at Transport Canada, and his flying assignments around the world, he brings a depth of understanding of the environmental and operational complexities facing international business aviation. I look forward to working with Claude and am confident he will effectively represent the business aviation community in critical forums at ICAO and with our member associations.”

As the Permanent Representative of Canada to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Council, and Canada’s nominee to the Air Navigation Commission - including for two terms as its President - Capt. Hurley served in key roles over the last nine years at ICAO, where he worked on a range of important issues regarding the environment, safety, security, aviation’s restart and recovery from the pandemic, and the introduction of new entrants to the air transport system.

Claude’s career in aviation began in the Canadian Armed Forces as an officer and a pilot, flying in tactical aviation and Search and Rescue roles. His civilian flying career spanned remote operations in the Canadian arctic, as an air ambulance pilot, to flying operations overseas, where he served as a training pilot, check pilot, technical type pilot, and base manager. In 2010, Claude joined Transport Canada, where he soon led teams responsible for aviation safety oversight and later continued his substantive position as a Transport Canada Executive while on assignment at ICAO.

As Director, Environment and Flight Operations, Claude Hurley will lead IBAC’s environmental initiatives to raise awareness of and advocate for sustainable aviation fuel and other measures to reduce business aviation’s environmental impacts. Importantly, he will represent IBAC at key ICAO bodies that set standards and guidance on environmental and operational safety matters.

Ali Alnaqbi, Chairman of the IBAC Governing Board and Founder and Chairman of the Middle East and North Africa Business Aviation Association (MEBAA), said, “On behalf of the IBAC Governing Board and our Member Associations and Industry Partners around the world, we

welcome Claude to the IBAC team. We look forward to working closely with him to meet our environmental goals and effectively address operational matters.”

Claude Hurley received a Bachelor of Applied Science degree from the Royal Military College of Canada and is recognized as a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society (FRAeS), bestowed upon professionals recognized for their extensive quality experience, high responsibilities, and outstanding contributions in the profession of aeronautics.

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About IBAC: IBAC represents the interests of business aviation worldwide. IBAC is a non-profit, international trade association with official observer status at the International Civil Aviation Organization, the UN Specialized Agency for aviation matters, in Montreal, Canada. IBAC promotes and manages the industry-leading standards for best safety practices through its International Standard for Business Aircraft Operations (IS-BAO™); International Standard for Business Aviation Handling (IS-BAH™); Safety Management Tool Kit; SMS eLearning training; and Aircrew Identification Card. Recently introduced in partnership with CTX, the IBAC Carbon Credit Exchange provides the business aviation community a reliable resource for real-time offsetting to reduce its carbon footprint. More details at www.ibac.org

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