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## **The IBAC International Standard for Business Aircraft Handling (IS-BAH) Surpasses 300 Locations Since Inception**

Montreal – 8 November 2023 -- The International Business Aviation Council (IBAC) ground-handling safety standard, the International Standard for Business Aircraft Handling (IS-BAH), has now reached 300 registered locations since it was first introduced in 2014. This month, Jetex Marrakech became the 300<sup>th</sup> ground handling organization to achieve IS-BAH Stage 1 registration.

Terry Yeomans is the IS-BAH Programme Director and has been in this role since the programme began. “We congratulate all the organizations worldwide that helped us reach this milestone and offer a special thank you to them for setting the safety bar high for business aviation ground handling. We look forward to others joining us as the IS-BAH Programme continues to grow.”

Kurt Edwards, IBAC Director General, said, “IS-BAH was the first industry standard to bring the SMS concept to ground handling, and we are proud of reaching this 300<sup>th</sup> milestone. As a voluntary standard, like IS-BAO, organizations that commit to integrating these industry best safety practices into their day-to-day operations and work toward continuous improvement are to be commended.”

Launched in 2014, the International Standard for Business Aircraft Handling (IS-BAH) is designed to enhance the safety and efficiency of business and general aviation Ground Handling Service Providers (GHSP) on a global level. IS-BAH is based on the implementation of industry best practices blended through a progressive Safety Management System (SMS) appropriate to the scale and nature of GHSPs, including Fixed Based Operations (FBO) and Business Aircraft Handling Agencies (BAHA). IS-BAH follows the structure of the IS-BAO Programme and is the global industry standard for handlers and operators around the world to meet the coming SMS requirements from the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

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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 Crew Card. Recently introduced in partnership with CTX, the IBAC Carbon Credit Exchange provides the business aviation community with a reliable resource for real-time offsetting to reduce its carbon footprint. More details at [www.ibac.org](http://www.ibac.org)

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