

1ST “ASIA/PACIFIC” CNS/ATM FOCUSED TEAM (C/AFT) MEETING

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GOOD MORNING LADIES & GENTLEMEN

ON BEHALF OF ANSETT AUSTRALIA, IT GIVES ME A GREAT DEAL OF PLEASURE, PARTICULARLY TO OUR INTERNATIONAL FRIENDS AND GUESTS FROM THROUGHOUT THE ASIA/PACIFIC REGION AND THE WORLD, TO WARMLY WELCOME YOU ALL TO AUSTRALIA AND TO THE BEAUTIFUL AND HISTORIC CITY OF MELBOURNE.

A SPECIAL WELCOME ALSO TO THE ACTING CHAIRMAN OF THE C/AFT, DAVE JONES, FROM UNITED AIRLINES, AND TO THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE C/AFT “CORE TEAM”.

AS YOU WILL ALL BE AWARE FROM THE INVITATION TO THIS MEETING, THE C/AFT “CORE TEAM” COMPRISES REPRESENTATIVES FROM IATA, AIRBUS, BOEING, AIR CANADA, AMERICAN AIRLINES, ANSETT AUSTRALIA, BRITISH AIRWAYS, LUFTHANSA, QANTAS AIRWAYS, UNITED AIRLINES, UPS, THE UNITED STATES FAA & EUROCONTROL.

ANSETT IS TRULY HONOURED TO HOST THIS, THE FIRST CNS/ATM FOCUSED TEAM (C/AFT) MEETING THAT HAS BEEN CONDUCTED IN THE ASIA/PACIFIC REGION, AND POSSIBLY IN THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE.

WE ARE EXTREMELY PLEASED WITH THE LEVEL OF PROFESSIONAL REPRESENTATION HERE TODAY FROM ICAO, IATA, AIRLINES FROM THOUGHOUT THE REGION AND THE WORLD, THE AVIATION INDUSTRY, ATS PROVIDERS, REGULATORS, GOVERNMENTS, MANUFACTURERS AND INDUSTRIAL ORGANISATIONS.

WITH THE LEVEL OF EXPERTISE IN THIS ROOM TODAY I AM CONFIDENT THAT COLLECTIVELY WE WILL SOLVE THE WORLD’S AVIATION PROBLEMS BY 5.00 PM TODAY AND IMPLEMENT THEM TOMORROW.

ACROSS THE ROAD FROM THE HILTON ON THE PARK IS THE MIGHTY MELBOURNE CRICKET GROUND (BETTER KNOWN AS THE MCG). THE MCG HOSTED THE 1956 OLYMPICS GAMES, A FIRST FOR AUSTRALIA, AS WELL AS MANY MEMORABLE SPORTING EVENTS BEFORE AND SINCE.

THE FORMIDABLE CHALLENGES THAT FACED THOSE BEHIND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MCG AND THIS GREAT CITY, ALTHOUGH TOTALLY DIFFERENT IN NATURE, ARE PROBABLY SIMILAR IN SCALE TO THOSE THAT WE IN THE AVIATION WORLD FACE TODAY.

THAT IS, HOW DO WE ALL MOVE FORWARD CONSTRUCTIVELY, IN A SAFE, EFFICIENT, COST EFFECTIVE, PRACTICAL AND TIMELY MANNER, IN A WORLD THAT REQUIRES THE EARLY IMPLEMENTATION OF CONCEPTS SUCH AS:

- MANAGING FLIGHTS FROM GATE-TO-GATE. *I.E. FROM PUSH-BACK AT DEPARTURE, TO ENGINE SHUT-DOWN AT THE DESTINATION PARKING BAY;*
- EXTENDING THE PRINCIPLES OF UNIFORMITY AND SEAMLESS SERVICE;
- ENHANCING SAFETY, FLEXIBILITY AND EFFICIENCY;
- REDUCING AVIATION RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT;
- IMPROVING COLLABORATIVE DECISION-MAKING;
- RESPONSIVE CAPACITY MANAGEMENT THAT MEETS DEMAND;
- COLLABORATIVE AIRSPACE MANAGEMENT;
- REDUCING PILOT AND ATC WORKLOAD;
- REDUCING USERS' OPERATING COSTS AND CHARGES; AND
- EXTENDING LEVELS OF AUTOMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT.

ANSETT'S OWN "GREAT BUSINESS PLAN" HAS REQUIRED CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO BE GIVEN TO SUCH CONCEPTS DURING THE PLANNING AND INTRODUCTION OF DRAMATIC CHANGES TO OUR PRODUCT, SERVICE AND CULTURE. THIS STRUCTURED PLAN WILL SEE ANSETT AUSTRALIA, AS A MAJOR PART OF THE NEWLY CONSTITUTED AIR NEW ZEALAND GROUP, BECOMING A "GREAT AIRLINE AND A GREAT BUSINESS" BY 2001.

AN INTEGRAL PART OF INTRODUCING SUCH FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES INCLUDED THE NEED TO BASELINE THE CAPABILITIES OF OUR CURRENT FLEET AND INTEGRATED OPERATIONS CENTRE, AGAINST THE EXISTING AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL INFRASTRUCTURE AND CURRENT AND FUTURE ATM SERVICES AVAILABLE IN AUSTRALIA. THIS EXAMINATION CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED THAT PROBABLY FOR THE FIRST TIME IN AUSTRALIA, AND POSSIBLY IN THE WORLD, THE ATC INFRASTRUCTURE WAS LARGELY OUT-STRIPPING OUR CAPABILITIES.

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF VISITING THE AIRSERVICES AUSTRALIA TAAATS CENTRE AT EITHER BRISBANE OR MELBOURNE AIRPORTS, YOU WILL HAVE GAINED A FIRST-HAND APPRECIATION OF THE IMPRESSIVE CNS/ATM CAPABILITIES OF THIS NOW FULLY COMMISSIONED AIR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT INFRASTRUCTURE. TAAATS IS PROBABLY THE MOST MODERN ATS

SYSTEM IN THE WORLD TODAY, AND IS A CREDIT TO ALL THOSE INVOLVED WITH ITS CREATION AND COMMISSIONING.

THE GOOD NEWS FOR ANSETT IS THAT TAAATS PROVIDES US WITH AN EXCELLENT FOUNDATION FROM WHICH TO “BUILD” OUR FUTURE AND SUSTAIN OUR GREAT BUSINESS PLAN. PLANNING TOWARDS THE PROCUREMENT AND EFFECTIVE UTILISATION OF A NEW FLEET AND COMPLIMENTARY INTEGRATED OPERATIONS CENTRE FACILITIES IS WELL ADVANCED.

AS PART OF OUR FUTURE ATM STRATEGIC PLANNING, ANSETT SOUGHT AND GAINED MEMBERSHIP OF THE CA/FT “CORE TEAM” EARLY LAST YEAR. THE PRIMARY REASON WHY WAS THAT WE CONSIDERED THAT C/AFT’S “APPLICATIONS-DRIVEN” AS OPPOSED TO “TECHNOLOGY-DRIVEN” APPROACH TO CNS/ATM TRANSITION PLANNING AND THE PROVISION OF NEW ATM SERVICES WAS ABSOLUTELY “SPOT ON”.

C/AFT’S SOUND CONSTRAINTS AND ECONOMIC METHODOLOGIES AND ANALYTICAL WORK, SOME OF WHICH YOU WILL HEAR ABOUT TODAY, IS IN OUR OPINION FILLING A ESSENTIAL “GAP” BETWEEN ICAO STANDARDS AND RECOMMENDED PRACTICES AND LOCAL, REGIONAL AND GLOBAL CNS/ATM STRATEGIC PLANNING.

WITHIN AUSTRALIA, I AM MOST PLEASED TO REPORT THAT POSITIVE PROGRESS IS BEING MADE TO DEVELOP, BY SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, AN “AUSTRALIAN ATM STRATEGIC PLAN” FOR THE PERIOD 2000 – 2015 AND BEYOND. ALL RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS ARE INVOLVED, INCLUDING ANSETT, QANTAS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL OPERATORS, REGIONAL AIRLINES, GENERAL AVIATION, OUR ATS PROVIDER (AIRSERVICES AUSTRALIA), GOVERNMENT, E.G. THE DEPARTMENTS OF DEFENCE AND TRANSPORT & REGIONAL SERVICES, THE CIVIL AVIATION SAFETY AUTHORITY (CASA), AND AIRPORT OWNERS. THIS PROCESS IS DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT ATM PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION IN AUSTRALIA IS INNOVATIVE AND CONSISTENT WITH AUSTRALIA’S ONGOING COMMITMENT TO ICAO. IT SHOULD ALSO FACILITATE HARMONISATION OF ATM IN OTHER FLIGHT INFORMATION REGIONS.

C/AFT’S METHODOLOGIES FOR DETERMINING AN ECONOMIC-DRIVEN STRATEGY FOR CNS/ATM DEPLOYMENT IS A FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENT OF THIS MAJOR INITIATIVE.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN – ONCE AGAIN WELCOME, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION. IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO OFFICIALLY OPEN THIS C/AFT MEETING AND TO HAND OVER PROCEEDINGS TO DAVE JONES. HOWEVER, BEFORE DOING SO, PLEASE MAKE THE MOST OF THIS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY, MAKE NEW CONTACTS AND FRIENDSHIPS AND ALSO MAKE SURE THAT YOU FIND TIME TO ENJOY YOURSELF WHILST IN THIS GREAT CITY AND COUNTRY. THANK YOU DAVE.