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Availability of GMU Height Monitoring Service

This AIC is complimentary to AIC No. A004/06 and serves to inform aircraft operators based in Zimbabwe, of the availability of the GPS Height Monitoring Unit for the Africa Indian Ocean Region (AFI).

The monitoring of flight operations in the AFI Airspace is conducted to assess aircraft compliance with the height-keeping performance requirements for RVSM operations.

The monitoring process is coordinated by the AFI Regional Monitoring Agency (ARMA), which is based in the Republic of South Africa.

The ARMA has contracted the GMU Height Monitoring services of ARINC, who have a proven record in this field, for provision of a professional Height Monitoring Service within the AFI Region.

The results of Height Monitoring test missions have been processed, evaluated and accepted by the ARMA. The AFI GMU Height Monitoring service is now available for operational use to those aircraft requiring height monitoring within Africa. The results of height monitoring received from Regional Monitoring Agencies in other regions for AFI aircraft will also be utilized.

AFI has access to three GMU's, which will be utilized for Height Monitoring in AFI. All carry certification papers, EASA Form 1, for operation on board aircraft, either on the flight deck or within the cabin. It should be recalled that GMU Height Monitoring has been operational in other regions for some time and is thus a safe and tested method of gathering Height Monitoring Data. Further to this ARMA will issue to the relevant authorities on request, a set of the certification papers for reference purposes. Requests should be made to ARMA/ARINC for these copies, either electronically or through fax.

Operators requiring Height Monitoring should use the following points of contact in order to obtain information, secure the service and plan the event:

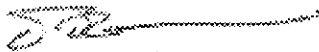
- Preferably direct contact with ARINC on email address afirvsm@arinc.com

- If unsure of the process make contact with the ARMA on email address afirma@atns.co.za
- The operational Base in Johannesburg will serve as the planning base for the event. The operator will be provided with the contact details for the Johannesburg Operational Base when appropriate.

Note 1: No Height Monitoring results will be released from the Operations Base, as they will only have raw unprocessed data, which will need to be processed at the Gatwick OCC. This raw data is of no use to the operator until processed.

Note 2 : Operators are requested to refrain from contacting ARINC directly for the outcome of the Height Monitoring flight as ARINC may not release this information.

Note 3 : All Height Monitoring results will be forwarded to the ARMA by ARINC and released officially to the applicable operator by the ARMA.



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