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DFS Aviation Services announces cooperation with the Test Flying Academy of South Africa



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With this partnership, DFS Aviation Services is entering and expanding its training expertise activities in Africa and the Far East

As a step towards further expansion in the African market, Andreas Pötzsch, Managing Director of DFS Aviation Services and Jean Rossouw, Executive Chairman & President of Test Flying Academy of South Africa (TFASA) have signed a cooperation agreement. Both companies aim to cooperate on Air Traffic Service (ATS) training opportunities.

DAS is an EASA (European Union Aviation Safety Agency) certified training provider for ATS training and already offers a variety of training in Europe and internationally. In order to do this, DAS established the DAS Aviation Academy (DAS A²) whose courses meet the regulatory requirements of the EU Regulation (2015/340) and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

TFASA aspires to become one of the leading training suppliers in Africa and further afield for Air Traffic Control Officer (ATCO), management and system training, and sees this agreement as a natural extension of its business profile.

DAS and TFASA will focus on clients from different states in Africa, MENA and the Far East. The training will take place at the TFASA site in South Africa and will also make use of the DAS online Learning Management System (LMS). The starting point for this collaboration will be AFIS training followed by the training of ATCOs.

Andreas Pötzsch, Managing Director of DAS, emphasises that “With this cooperation agreement we start bringing our training expertise to the African and Far Eastern markets. We believe that TFASA is a very qualified partner to serve these regions with ATCO, management and system training.” Jean Rossouw, Executive Chairman & President of TFASA agrees: “TFASA is very proud and happy to now supplement our core training business – ranging from test pilot & FTE training, commercial & operational pilot training and specialist training elements – with the world class Air Traffic Control training that DAS is bringing to the table. The DAS products will certainly appeal to our huge customer base and enhance the scope of training on offer.”

DFS Aviation Services GmbH (DAS) is a subsidiary of DFS Deutsche Flugsicherung GmbH and employs more than 400 people around the world. As a certified ATM provider, DAS controls air traffic at German small and medium-sized airports and sells products and services related to Air Traffic Control around the world. Its customers include ATM organisations, airports, airlines and aviation authorities all over the world.



Through its subsidiary, Air Navigation Solutions Ltd. (ANSL), DAS is also responsible for air traffic at Edinburgh and London-Gatwick. The subsidiary DFS Aviation Services Bahrain Co WLL provides support in the Middle East in the areas of air traffic control and air traffic control technology. In Asia, DFS Aviation Services has a representative office in Beijing and a branch office in Singapore. Through its joint venture with Frequentis AG of Vienna, Frequentis DFS Aerosense GmbH, DAS also sells Remote Tower solutions worldwide.

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Test Flying Academy of South Africa (TFASA) was created in 2003 as a South African company. The TFASA Group benefits from being commercially independent and politically neutral, which enable us to provide our customers' workforce with tailored solutions to meet their needs. Our capabilities include comprehensive aircraft and systems testing, evaluation and certification as well as specialist consultancy services, high-quality training, support, development and operational solutions across a multitude of aviation disciplines.

TFASA provides a wide spectrum of customer-tailored training courses ranging from Class 1 graduate courses for test pilots and flight test engineers, commercial pilot training for airline cadets, to advanced operational and tactical training. As an approved Maintenance and Design Organisation, TFASA also offers maintenance and modification of type-certified and non-type-certified aircraft (including ex-military platforms). TFASA is also the seller and distributor of select aircraft.

As the go-to provider of specialist flight testing and aviation training solutions for progressive nations across the world, TFASA has a core team of the very best in their fields – pilots, test pilots, engineers, instructors, strategists and support staff – and we retain the services of highly-qualified consulting personnel so that we can flex to meet our clients' specific requirements. We are truly independent, with access to all the fixed- and rotary-wing aircraft, ground equipment, instructors, specialists and support operations we need to deliver the broadest range of services.

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