**A successful 2019 in a challenging environment –
COVID-19 pandemic also affects skyguide**

Geneva, 31 March 2020 - In 2019, skyguide again delivered a good operating
performance in the management of Europe's most complex airspace. Skyguide
handled 96.7 per cent (previous year: 96.5 per cent) of all its flights without any air
navigation services-related delays. Operating revenues declined in 2019 due to
reduced fees and lower compensation for activities in delegated airspace. The net
result is slightly negative.

Skyguide's total revenues declined by 2.8 per cent to CHF 468.1 million (previous
year: CHF 481.8 million). Operating expenses of CHF 434.4 million were 3.4 per
cent lower than the CHF 449.7 million of the previous year. The net result was
CHF -5.5 million (previous year: CHF -8.2 million).

Weak traffic growth
In 2019, the volume of air traffic controlled by skyguide increased moderately to
1.304 million flights. This represents an increase of 0.5 per cent in total
movements. The growth was thus well below the forecast of Eurocontrol, the
European Organisation for the Safety of Air Navigation. Airport arrivals and
departures declined by 0.8 per cent. Traffic at Swiss national airports fell by 0.6
percent at Geneva and by 0.9 percent at Zurich.

Service agreement with Luftwaffe fulfilled
Skyguide was again able to fully comply with its service agreement with the Swiss
Air Force in 2019. In doing so, the company has made a major contribution to the
sovereignty of Swiss airspace and has once again proven itself a reliable partner
for the Swiss Air Force.

Impact of COVID-19 on skyguide and Swiss air traffic
The COVID-19 pandemic has led to an unprecedented decline in air traffic in
Switzerland. In March, traffic in the airspace controlled by skyguide fell by some 90
per cent. Skyguide's revenues have consequently declined sharply.

Skyguide has been doing everything it can to protect the health of its employees
and maintain its operations in both civil and military flight operations since the
outbreak of the COVID-19 crisis. Skyguide is also taking every action available to
counteract the economic consequences of the crisis.

Air traffic control is a critical infrastructure
Air traffic control is a critical national infrastructure. Particularly in times of crisis, it
must handle e.g. repatriation, state and cargo flights safely and efficiently. These
are necessary for the health of the population and the economy. The framework
conditions determined at European level, in particular the so-called Performance
Plan and its cost regulation, must now be rapidly adapted to the current crisis. The
cost reduction measures taken by air navigation service providers will not be
sufficient to secure the economic future of air navigation services.

Walter T. Vogel, Chairman of the Board of Directors of skyguide: "After a solid 2019, the COVID-19 pandemic has hit the aviation industry hard. Despite an extremely difficult operating environment, we are doing all we can to continue to fulfil our mandate from the Swiss Confederation in full, while at the same time preparing ourselves for the time after the crisis. I would like to thank all skyguide's employees for their daily commitment, with which they bear witness to our company's resistance to the crisis."

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https://www.skyguide.ch/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/E-sky-RA-2019-LR-v2.pdf

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