

Bernhard Müller elected to the skyguide Board of Directors

Geneva, 7 May 2009. The shareholders of skyguide (swiss air navigation services ltd) attending the company's Ordinary Annual General Meeting yesterday evening approved the annual report and financial statements for 2008. The meeting also elected Major General Bernhard Müller, the Swiss Air Force's Chief of Operations, to the skyguide Board of Directors. He succeeds Lieutenant General Markus Gygax, Commander of the Swiss Air Force, who is stepping down from the Board. The remaining skyguide Board members and the Chairman of the Board were confirmed in their offices.

The new election follows the Swiss Federal Council's appointment in February of Lieutenant General Markus Gygax as the new Commander of the Swiss Air Force, a position he assumed on 1 March. In view of this, he relinquished his seat on the skyguide Board of Directors effective yesterday. He had been a Board member since 2003. Gygax is succeeded by Major General Bernhard Müller, who has been the Swiss Air Force's Chief of Operations and Deputy Commander since 1 April. "I warmly welcome Major General Müller's appointment," says Chairman of the Board Guy Emmenegger. "His election ensures optimum continuity, and we are delighted at his commitment to serving on our Board."

Major General Bernhard Müller assumed the position of Chief of Air Force Operations back in August 2008 on an interim basis, following Markus Gygax's appointment as acting Air Force Commander. Prior to this, he had held various functions within the Swiss Air Force, including Chief of the Air Force Operations Centre and Deputy Chief of Air Force Operations, Sector Chief Air Transport for Air Force Brigade 31 and Chief of Air Transport Training.

Skyguide is a non-profit limited company under Swiss private law. Its share capital of CHF 140 million is more than 99% owned by the Swiss Confederation.

Details of the members of the Board of Directors of skyguide (swiss air navigation services ltd) can be found at:

<http://www.skyguide.ch/en/AboutSkyguide/FactsFigures/Organisation/>

A photo of Major General Bernhard Müller is available at:

http://www.skyguide.ch/en/img/bernhard_mueller.jpg

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Skyguide is responsible for providing air navigation services within Swiss airspace and in the airspace of certain adjoining regions in neighbouring countries. The company guides the civil and military aircraft entrusted to its care – around 3 400 flights a day or 1.24 million a year – through the busiest and some of the most complex airspace in Europe. Skyguide is a non-profit limited company which has its head office in Geneva. The majority of its shares are held by the Swiss Confederation. The company generates annual operating revenue of over CHF 372 million and employs some 1 400 people at 14 locations in Switzerland.
