

Skyguide appoints Klaus Meier as its new Head of Technical Services

Geneva, 3 June 2014. Skyguide, Switzerland's air navigation services provider, has appointed Klaus Meier as its new *Chief Information Officer and Head of Engineering & Technical Services*. Meier will also be a member of the Skyguide Executive Board in his new position, which he will assume on 1 September.

Klaus Meier, who is an Austrian national, graduated in electrical engineering from the Zurich Federal Institute of Technology and went on to earn his doctorate with a thesis on high-frequency technology. For the past few years he has been serving as *CIO Americas* for the Schindler corporation, based in the USA. He is also well familiar with the aviation sector, having spent several years with Swissair, largely in IT services and processes, and through his flying activities as the holder of a private pilot's licence.

Skyguide's Engineering & Technical Services division is currently being led by Philippe Chauffoureaux on an interim basis. Following Klaus Meier's assumption of his new duties on 1 September, Philippe Chauffoureaux will take on and develop the newly-created position of Chief Information Architect within the Technical Services organization.

In order to fulfil its mandate, skyguide operates, manages and maintains a complex technical infrastructure that extends to satellite navigation systems, ground-to-air communications facilities, radar installations, data processing systems and ground-based navigational aids. The company's *Engineering & Technical Services* division numbers some 300 highly-qualified engineers and technicians who work round the clock to operate these installations. Skyguide also invests over CHF 50 million a year in its technical facilities.

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Skyguide is responsible for providing air navigation services in Switzerland and in certain parts of neighbouring countries. With its workforce of 1,400 employees who are active at 14 locations in Switzerland, skyguide safely and reliably guides over 3,100 civil and military flights a day – or 1.1 million a year – through the busiest and most complex airspace in Europe.

Skyguide is committed to continuous improvement, targeted innovation and creative collaboration. Together with its partner organizations in Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg and the Netherlands, skyguide is a member of the FABEC alliance to manage Central European airspace. Skyguide is a non-profit limited company, the majority of whose shares are held by the Swiss Confederation. Its head office is in Geneva.
