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IBAC TAKES ON NEW BIZ AV SAFETY DATA CAPABILITIES, PURCHASES ROBERT E. BREILING ASSOCIATES

Montreal, Canada, 30 March 2015 – The International Business Aviation Council (IBAC) will incorporate into its activities the safety data and collection methodologies of Robert E. Breiling Associates, recognized globally as the preeminent expert on business aviation safety data. IBAC recently purchased the company with the assistance of the National Business Aviation Association (NBAA) and the support of the IBAC Governing Board.

“IBAC is proud to continue the uniquely authoritative work of Robert Breiling who has earned the industry’s respect over more than four decades,” said Kurt Edwards, IBAC Director General. “Sustaining his safety-data work into the future is critical to allow IBAC to continue providing meaningful information on continuous safety improvement of the global business aviation community, areas to target where risk is the highest, and safety trends to inform better safety regulations.”

IBAC, NBAA, and other IBAC member associations, insurance companies, manufacturers, operators, and safety regulators have all consulted Breiling’s work since the 1960s. Breiling provides quarterly and annual reports and analysis on turboprop, turbine aircraft, and helicopter accidents. From these, the community understands better where and how occurrences happen, their causes, and the critical phases of operation of each aircraft. In addition, Breiling’s data has been the foundation for the IBAC *Business Aviation Safety Brief* compiled and published annually. The *Brief* has proven invaluable in informing regulators of the safety performance of business aviation.

“I am pleased to work with IBAC and to know our efforts will continue to inform the global business aviation community, ICAO, and safety regulators around the world,” said Robert Breiling. “It is important that they all understand, through data, where business aviation safety is strong and where more attention should be focused.”

IBAC, with the assistance of NBAA and Breiling, intends to continue providing such analysis to the industry and will consider additional, useful products based on the data as well. IBAC will also explore cooperating with the International Civil Aviation (ICAO) on data exchange in order to foster greater understanding of global business aviation operational safety within ICAO, the United Nations specialized agency for worldwide safety and air navigation standards.

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