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## IBAC Press Release

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### IBAC Announces Appointment of New Director General

**Montreal, Canada,** 1 September 2012 – **Mr. Peter Gatz**, Chairman of the International Business Aviation Council (IBAC) today announced the appointment of **Mr. Kurt Edwards** as the Council's new Director General. IBAC is the International Non-Government Organization (INGO) that represents the interests of business aviation operators from around the world. IBAC's Members consist of national and regional associations from their respective areas, and together they work as a Council to coordinate global policies and positions for the business aviation community and to represent the community in rule making and policy making forums. IBAC's principal office is located in Montreal, Canada, in the headquarters building of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).



*Kurt Edwards (left) signs Agreement with IBAC Chairman Peter Gatz*

Mr. Gatz advises that “Mr. Edwards brings to the organization substantial experience in international aviation issues. Previous to coming to IBAC, Mr. Edwards served in high-level capacities with the International Affairs and Environment Offices of the US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). He also led FAA outreach efforts while based in Brussels and Paris, as well as at ICAO on environmental matters. We welcome Mr. Edwards to the business aviation family.”

Mr. Edwards replaces **Mr. Donald Spruston**, the previous Director General who served from 1999 to the present. Mr. Spruston announced to the IBAC Governing Board last year his intent to step down.

Since that time the Board has conducted a comprehensive global search to find a new Director General with the capability of continuing the development of business aviation policies and interests on issues such as safety, security, air traffic management and the environment. Mr. Gatz said, “We appreciate Mr. Spruston's solid leadership of IBAC through both good and uncertain economic periods and wish him well in the future.”

Mr. Edwards commences duty with IBAC effective immediately.

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