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EBAAG Launches ERP Guidance Manual for Europe-based Business Aviation Operators

Brussels, Belgium – 18 March 2010 – As of today, the European Business Aviation Association (EBAAG) is offering all Europe-based business aircraft operators comprehensive guidance material on Emergency Response Planning. Produced in the form of a digital Emergency Response Planning Guidance Manual on CD-Rom, it is available to order via the [EBAAG website \(www.ebaa.org\)](http://www.ebaa.org).

The aim of the manual is to assist business aircraft operators in meeting the November 2010 mandatory compliance deadline for a Safety Management System - which includes an Emergency Response Plan - set by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

“The EBAAG conducted a survey at the end of last year, which indicated that just under one-third of business aircraft operators do not possess an Emergency Response Plan; many do not have an incident alert process in place; less than half have departmental response procedures; most have not provided emergency response training and just under half have never tested or exercised their response plans,” explains Brian Humphries, EBAAG President and CEO. “In order to mitigate reputational damage and minimize the impact of an incident or accident on a company’s bottom line, it is vital that business aviation operators are equipped with a competent and fitting emergency response.”

Subjects included in the ERP Guidance Manual are: Emergency Response Plan Imperatives, Setting up an Emergency Response Centre, Care and Welfare, Financial Assistance, Media Response/Handling, Emergency Services Liaison, Insurance and Legal Issues. The manual is divided into 3 main sections: 1) ERP Basic Principles, 2) ERP General Guidance and 3) a practical Framework containing checklists, tables and text that can be cut and pasted directly into an operator’s Emergency Response Plan, and adapted to company specifics.

The ERP Guidance Manual can be ordered by European Business Aviation Association members and all interested operators, and will be subject to periodic updates, which will be made readily available to users.

The manual was developed by EBAAG and Gates Aviation LLP, together with members of an ERP Steering Group comprising representatives from the following companies: Gates and Partners; Bombardier Aerospace; ExecuJet Aviation Group; IBAC; Dassault Aviation; Flight Safety International; British Helicopter Association; Tyrolean Jet Services; and VistaJet.

For more information about the Emergency Response Planning Guidance Manual, please contact Brian Humphries at +32 2 766 0070 or info@ebaa.org.

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