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April 18, 2013 **New role for aviation security chief**

Mark Everitt, General Manager of the Aviation Security Service of New Zealand has been appointed to the new role of Regulatory Advisor (Pacific Islands) within the Civil Aviation Authority.

CAA Chair, Nigel Gould said “I am very pleased to be able to retain Mark’s extensive experience, networks and knowledge of security matters in the Pacific, within the organisation”.

“Mark Everitt has accomplished an enormous amount in building Avsec to become a large, multi-site and multi discipline security service that operates at 6 airports across New Zealand and employs more than 800 staff.” Mr Gould said.

Mr Everitt became General Manager of Avsec in 1993 and has worked vigorously to instil a security culture at New Zealand airports.

In his Avsec role, Mr Everitt responded to International security threats and built a World-class reputation. In the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks in the US, Mr Everitt and the Service had to rapidly implement a number of additional security measures including the introduction of passenger and security screening at domestic airports. In April 2000 The Aviation Security Service was recognised as the most outstanding Aviation Security Organisation - Asia/Pacific, Mark receiving the individual award of outstanding Avsec Official. These awards were coordinated by Edith Cowan University and Singapore Airlines.

In 2004 The International Civil Aviation Organisation (I.C.A.O.) invited the Aviation Security Service to establish an I.C.A.O. Training Centre at Auckland. The centre provides a range of Courses for the Asia/Pacific Region. Mark became a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society in 2001, in recognition of his commitment to the development of quality systems in security. This commitment culminated in the Aviation Security Service being the first security organisation in the World to be ISO 9001 certified.

Mark’s new role is supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade through the Pacific Security Fund. Mark will spend around 75% of his time working in the field with our Pacific partners. He is expected to take up his new role in the next 6-8 weeks.

Mr Gould said: “On behalf of the Authority I wish to express both my congratulations to Mark for the excellent work he has done over many years at Avsec and also to heartily welcome him to his new role within the CAA regulatory team.”

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