

TELLUMAT ATM SUPPORTS AFRICAN AVIATION SAFETY WITH UPKEEP OF LEGACY AIRPORT EQUIPMENT

TELLUMAT AIR Traffic Management (ATM), the full-service ground-based aircraft navigation technology provider to civilian airports around southern Africa, is committed and equip-ped to support aviation safety in the region – and winning the deals to prove it.

Bennie Langenhoven, Tellumat's managing executive, says the company has distinguished itself in the market for airport navigation aids as can be determined by the length of its successful track record, the length and breadth of its portfolio and its end-to-end service focus.

On the strength of this pedigree, Tellumat ATM recently won a contract with the Tanzanian Civil Aviation Authority for the supply, installation and main-tenance of navigation aids at Kilimanjaro International Airport, training of airport personnel and a host of other services.

These included performing an audit on numerous classes of equipment, provid-ing a technical helpdesk capability to ensure continuous support and operation of ATM systems and, crucially, providing an equipment repair service.

To further ensure that the TCAA stays up-to-date with appropriate technology and its equipment remains serviceable for the entire life cycle, Tellumat will also recommend and offer suitable solutions during the period of the TCAA contract.

"Air traffic is increasing on the continent – a happy prospect for further growth and prosperity, but with it comes an increasing responsibility to look after the installed base of ground-based air navigation equipment. There is a lot of serviceable legacy equipment which is essential to air travel on the continent and airports want to keep operational for many years to come."

In the interests of better safety in African skies, he said the business was not just interested in lucrative new equipment upgrades and support contracts, but also had the skills and capacity to maintain and repair legacy equipment, which was so prevalent in the region.

Tellumat provides such maintenance and repair services to a number of regional civil aviation authorities and airport customers, in support of equip-ment from various original equipment manufacturers (OEMs).

"We are not the only company offering maintenance services, but Tellumat ATM is definitely focused on this capability. We

further believe we are unequalled in the length and breadth of our capability and involvement in this field, with some of our maintenance contracts having extended the life of air navigation equipment to more than 30 years."

As part of the Tellumat Group, Tellumat ATM draws on 35 years' experience in defence aviation. During this time the group has built up a portfolio of strong OEM relationships for navigational aid systems including radar, instrument landing systems (ILS), runway lights, precision approach systems, direction finders and weather observation systems.

Tellumat also benefitted from strong expertise in systems design, solution integration, installation, maintenance and repairs, said Langenhoven. →