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Safety as a Business Imperative – A Challenge to South Africa's Commercial and General Aviation Sector

In aviation, we often say that safety is our licence to operate. It is a phrase repeated so often that it risks becoming a cliché. But the real question for our industry is this: do we truly treat safety as the foundation of our businesses, or have we begun to see it as simply another compliance exercise?

For South Africa's commercial and general aviation sector, this question matters now more than ever.

Our industry operates in a complex environment. Margins are tight. Aircraft, fuel, insurance, and regulatory compliance costs continue to rise. Operators are under constant pressure to remain competitive while maintaining operational capability. In this environment, it is tempting to view safety as something that must be managed efficiently, contained, or even minimised.

But the truth is far simpler – and more uncomfortable.

Safety is not a cost centre. It is the business model.

A thriving aviation sector generates economic activity, supports skilled employment, connects communities, and enables industries ranging from tourism to mining and agriculture. Yet this entire economic ecosystem depends on a single condition: trust. Passengers, clients, insurers, regulators, and investors all place their confidence in the belief that aviation is safe.

Once that confidence is eroded, the consequences extend far beyond a single operator or incident. They ripple across the entire sector.

So the real question we should be asking ourselves as an industry is this: are we doing enough to protect that trust?

For many organisations in commercial and general aviation – charter operators, flight schools, maintenance organisations, aerial work companies, and business aviation operators – safety must be more than an operational function. It must be a leadership philosophy and a strategic business decision.

The concept of the Safety Management System (SMS) was introduced to help aviation move beyond a reactive model, where we only respond after incidents occur. Instead, SMS challenges us to identify hazards, assess risks, and implement mitigation measures before they lead to accidents or operational disruptions. But the value of SMS is not in the manual on the shelf or the software system in the office.

For some small operations, especially focusing on small one-person aviation operations, which we as an industry should be cultivating SMS, may not be the answer, but possibly small, well-developed checklist systems that are part of the daily regime that are reviewed regularly, built on the principles of SMS, but brutally practical and ruthlessly simple.

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While I believe SMS is not the be-all and end-all, it has value but must be rigorously moulded and adapted to fit the scope and complexity. SMS is, in reality, an ideology we all grapple with and try to fit to our unique operations, but it should not be at the expense of those operations or impose a burden on them.

Its real value lies in the mindset it creates.

When implemented properly in larger operations, SMS helps organisations see safety not as a regulatory burden but as a practical tool for running better businesses. Identifying operational risks early reduces aircraft downtime, prevents costly maintenance events, and limits operational disruptions. A grounded aircraft generates no revenue. A damaged reputation quickly loses clients.

In other words, safety and efficiency are not competing priorities – they are mutually reinforcing.

This principle is particularly relevant in the commercial and general aviation sectors, where operations are often smaller, more agile, and more exposed to operational pressures than large airline environments.

Take the example of aviation training organisations. This is where safety culture begins. Student pilots are not only learning technical skills – they are learning attitudes, habits, and decision-making frameworks that will shape the rest of their careers.

A training environment that emphasises structured pre-flight risk assessments, disciplined solo-flight checks, and open safety discussions produces more than competent pilots. It produces professionals who understand that risk management is part of daily operations.

Conversely, if safety is treated as a box-ticking exercise during training, we should not be surprised when those attitudes follow pilots into commercial operations later in their careers. The same principle applies to aviation maintenance organisations.

Maintenance is one of the most critical – and often underappreciated – components of aviation safety. Engineers and technicians operate in demanding environments where time pressure, operational expectations, and resource constraints can influence decision-making.

Yet a strong safety culture within maintenance organisations provides the mechanisms to identify systemic risks before they escalate. Structured reporting systems, clear procedures, shift handover discipline, and open communication enable teams to detect recurring technical issues or process weaknesses early.

These are not simply safety measures. They are sound business practices.

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Maintenance errors can result in aircraft damage, regulatory penalties, lost clients, and reputational harm. Preventing those outcomes through proactive safety management protects both operational integrity and commercial sustainability.

But there is another dimension to this discussion that we as an industry must confront honestly.

As organisations grow, so do our systems, procedures, and administrative processes. Structure is necessary, but there is a fine line between structured safety management and unnecessary bureaucracy.

When processes become disconnected from frontline operations, they stop supporting safety and start undermining it. Excessive paperwork discourages reporting. Complicated procedures encourage workarounds. Layers of administration slow decision-making.

In short, poorly designed systems can become safety risks themselves.

The challenge for aviation leadership – particularly within South Africa’s commercial and general aviation sectors – is to ensure that safety systems remain practical, efficient, and connected to operational reality.

Real safety is not measured by the number of manuals on the shelf or the thickness of our procedures. It is measured by the quality of our actions.

Are hazards reported quickly and openly?

Are frontline employees empowered to raise concerns?

Do our systems help people do the right thing – or make it harder?

These are the questions that define real safety culture. And ultimately, safety culture is what separates resilient aviation organisations from vulnerable ones.

A strong safety culture encourages reporting rather than blame. It recognises that mistakes can become valuable learning opportunities when organisations are willing to examine them honestly. This “just culture” approach allows teams to identify systemic issues before they evolve into serious events.

For leadership, this means safety cannot sit quietly within a compliance department. It must be visible at the highest levels of the organisation.

Safety must influence executive decisions, operational planning, and resource allocation. When leadership demonstrates that safety matters—not just in words, but in priorities—the entire organisation aligns behind that message.

South Africa’s aviation sector has a proud history of professionalism, innovation, and resilience. Our pilots, engineers, instructors, and aviation professionals are respected across the continent and around the world.

But history alone will not protect our future.

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The continued strength of commercial and general aviation in South Africa depends on our collective commitment to safety as a business principle.

Not because the regulator demands it.

Not because insurers require it.

But because the long-term sustainability of our industry depends on it.

So perhaps the challenge to our industry is a simple one.

Are we treating safety as the foundation of our businesses—or merely as the price of entry?

The answer to that question will shape the future of aviation in South Africa.

Because in aviation, safe operations are not just good practice – They are good business.

Yours sincerely,



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Call for papers issued for AAD CONFERENCE 2026

The Africa Aerospace and Defence (AAD) is not just an exhibition, it is a platform that fosters meaningful dialogues. From 18 - 20 September 2024, AAD will feature three conferences that will cover three distinct themes over their duration.

Organised by DefenceWeb, the three-day conference will bring together military leaders, government officials, industry executives, academics and policymakers to discuss key issues shaping Africa's defence and aerospace sectors.

This year's themes include:

The Future of Warfare: emerging technologies such as AI, drones and electronic warfare.

African Defence Industry Showcase Day: industry development, partnerships and sustainability.

Commercial and Military Aviation: market trends, infrastructure and growth opportunities across Africa.

End-users, academics and subject-matter experts are invited to submit presentation proposals aligned with these themes.

Submission deadline: 2 April 2026.

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With less than six months to opening day, excitement is building for the 13th edition of AAD, and exhibition space is being secured at a rapid pace.

The event is seeing a strong surge in interest, with an increasing number of confirmed exhibitors, national pavilions, and significant backing from major sponsors. This growing momentum highlights AAD's reputation as a leading platform for industry engagement, innovation, and business development across the aerospace and defence sectors.

As demand continues to rise, available exhibition space is becoming increasingly limited. Companies looking to position themselves at the forefront of the industry are encouraged to secure their space as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

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WHAT TO EXPECT AT AAD 2026

Africa's premier defence and aerospace exhibition, Africa Aerospace and Defence (AAD), returns in 2026 at Air Force Base Waterkloof, Centurion, South Africa, from 16 - 20 September 2026. Bringing together industry leaders, governments, innovators, and defence professionals from across the globe for a five-day showcase of technology, collaboration, and strategic engagement.

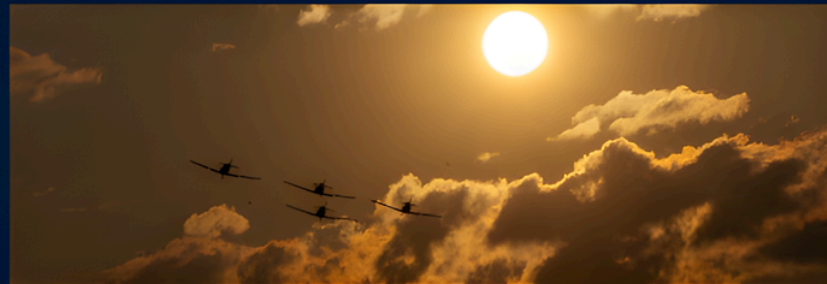
World-Class Exhibitors

AAD 2026 will host more than 300 exhibitors from over 30 Countries showcasing cutting-edge aerospace, defence, and security technologies. From unmanned systems to advanced weaponry, cyber defence to surveillance systems, the exhibition reflects the full spectrum of the industry.



Air Show & Demonstrations

The public days attract more than 40 000 attendees and featuring thrilling aerial displays from local and international air forces, aircraft flypasts, aerobatics, and static displays and including some of the most advanced fighter jets and helicopters in service today.



Conferences

Defence ministers, industry CEOs, and thought leaders will gather for high-level conferences, roundtable discussions, and networking events addressing topics such as maritime security, future warfare and counter terrorism, technology and development in Africa.



AAD Youth Foundation

AAD's Youth Foundation continues to inspire the next generation, attracting more than 11,000 learners, with interactive exhibitions, career guidance, and access to STEM opportunities in aviation and defence.



Trade Visitors

Participation More than 23 000 trade visitors from 33 countries are expected to participate in AAD 2026, including 9 national pavilions, showcasing defence diplomacy and international collaboration in action.



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To make it easier for our exhibitors to plan their participation at AAD 2026, please see below for an easy breakdown of important dates.

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TRADE DAYS & CONFERENCING

19 - 20 SEPT 2026

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Industry News

AMD LAUNCHING PROJECT CLASSSS TO SHOWCASE SA DEFENCE INDUSTRY COLLABORATION

This year marks the silver jubilee for the Africa Aerospace and Defence (AAD) exhibition, which will see the 2026 iteration introduce a new project dedicated to collaborations between companies in the South African defence industry.

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Industry News

MOATSHE IS NEW SAAF CHIEF

Come the fourth month of 2026 on Wednesday (1 April), newly minted Lieutenant General Carl Moatshe takes over as SA Air Force (SAAF) Chief from Lieutenant General Wiseman Mbambo, who is retiring on 31 March.

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- Watering hole and Golf cart.

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- Branding at the golf course and dinner venue.
- Entry for four (4) players (one four-ball).
- Golf cart and watering hole

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- Branding and advertising at the golf course and dinner venue.
- Entry for four (4) players (one four-ball).
- Golf cart provided.

Watering Hole Sponsor: R10 000.00

- Branding at designated watering hole.
- One (1) Senior Executive to the prize-giving dinner.

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Affiliates Updates



Human Factors: A Neglected Component of Safety Management

Authored by Colin Visser – Affiliate President: **ASAAT** and **AQSASA**

The Safety Management System (SMS) is an integral part of daily aviation operations. Every Aviation organisation has put systems in place designed to meet regulatory requirements and ensure compliance.

Aviation organisations consult ICAO Annex 19 and Doc 9859, as well as SA CAR 140, to ensure that the terminology aligns, the paragraphs correspond, and the checklist is complete.

The four components of SMS: 1. Safety Policy and Objectives; 2. Safety Risk Management; 3. Safety Assurance; and 4. Safety Promotions are carefully defined, described and explained.

You will find the Safety Policy framed and signed by the Accountable Executive, placed in a prominent place for all to see. Key safety personnel are appointed. The Safety Review Board (SRB) and the Safety Action Group (SAG) have been established. Documents and checklists have been compiled and distributed.

This has happened without fully integrating the human element, aside from ensuring people have received training that meets the minimum requirements of the regulatory framework.

[Safety isn't a checklist. It's a culture. A culture that listens with empathy. That sees mistakes as opportunities to learn, heal, and move forward as one. True safety begins when we shift from blame to understanding. When we lead with moral ambition and build environments where people thrive.] (Sidney Dekker)

Mistakes are not the cause of errors, but rather the symptoms of an underlying cause. The cause is often linked to Stress in the operational environment. What are some of the stressors that may be present that are external in nature?

Life events often cause stress and ill health. This is a latent human factor that affects safety in the organisation and can and must be understood and identified on an ongoing basis.

[10. Stress affects human performance, sometimes positively and sometimes negatively. Although ubiquitous, stress is difficult to quantify. The concern here is with declines in human performance caused by anything that affects how we live and work. These things are called "stressors". They include such things as fatigue, time pressures, workload, personality conflicts, family problems and substance abuse.] (ICAO Doc 9806, p 2-10)

In 1967, psychiatrists Thomas Holmes and Richard Rahe examined the medical records of over 5,000 patients to determine whether stressful events might cause illnesses. Patients were asked to tally a list of 43 life events based on a relative score.

Below is a copy of the Holmes-Rahe Life Stress Inventory. As you read through the list of events, you may find yourself calculating your Stress Factor. These Life Events all impact a person's emotional, mental, and physical health.

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The Holmes-Rahe Life Stress Inventory

The Social Readjustment Rating Scale

INSTRUCTIONS: Mark down the point value of each of these life events that have/happened to you during the previous year. Total these associated points.

	LIFE EVENT	MEAN VALUE
1.	Death of spouse	100
2.	Divorce	73
3.	Marital Separation from mate	65
4.	Detention in jail or other institution	63
5.	Death of a close family member	63
6.	Major personal injury or illness	53
7.	Marriage	50
8.	Being fired at work	47
9.	Marital reconciliation with mate	45
10.	Retirement from work	45
11.	Major change in the health or behaviour of a family member	44
12.	Pregnancy	40
13.	Sexual Difficulties	39
14.	Gaining a new family member (i.e. Birth, adoption, older adult moving in, etc.)	39
15.	Major business readjustment	39
16.	Major change in financial state (i.e. a lot worse or better off than usual)	38
17.	Death of a close friend	37
18.	Changing to a different line of work	36
19.	Major change in the number of arguments w/spouse (i.e. either a lot more or a lot less than usual regarding child rearing, personal habits, etc.)	35
20.	Taking on a mortgage (for home, business, etc.)	31
21.	Foreclosure on a mortgage or loan	30
22.	Major change in responsibilities at work (i.e. promotion, demotion, etc.)	29
23.	Son or daughter leaving home (marriage, attending college, joined mil.)	29
24.	In-law troubles	29
25.	Outstanding personal achievement	28
26.	Spouse beginning or ceasing work outside the home	26
27.	Beginning or ceasing formal schooling	26
28.	Major change in living condition (new home, remodelling, deterioration of neighbourhood or home etc.)	25
29.	Revision of personal habits (dress manners, associations, quitting smoking)	24
30.	Troubles with the boss	23
31.	Major changes in working hours or conditions	20
32.	Changes in residence	20
33.	Changing to a new school	20
34.	Major change in usual type and/or amount of recreation	19
35.	Major change in church activity (i.e. a lot more or less than usual)	19
36.	Major change in social activities (clubs, movies, visiting, etc.)	18
37.	Taking on a loan (car, tv, freezer, etc.)	17
38.	Major change in sleeping habits (a lot more or a lot less than usual)	16
39.	Major change in number of family get-togethers(“”)	15
40.	Major change in eating habits (a lot more or less food intake, or very different meal hours or surroundings)	15
41.	Vacation	13
42.	Major holidays	12
43.	Minor violations of the law (traffic tickets, jaywalking, disturbing the peace, etc.)	11

Now, add up all the points you have to find your score

TOTAL

- 150 or fewer means a relatively low level of life change and a low susceptibility to stress-induced health breakdown.
- 150 to 300 pts implies about a 50% chance of a major health breakdown in the next 2 years.
- 300 pts or more raises the odds to about 80%, according to the Holmes-Rahe statistical prediction model.

The above list is a tool that can assist an organisation in identifying potential Human Factors risks associated with emotional, mental, and physical stress.

Operational supervisory personnel should therefore monitor each member of their team continuously and communicate any concerns to the relevant Human Resources personnel. The organisation will then be able to assist operational personnel in dealing with the stress associated with life events affecting them.

This principle should be applied to all areas of the operational environment, not only pilots, cabin crew and maintenance technicians, but also support and administrative personnel.

This is a proactive method of minimising personnel stress within the organisation, which will help improve safety across its operational areas.

[Under Human Factors, operational error is considered much in the same way as the medical science considers fever: an indication of problem(s), but never the problem(s) themselves.] (ITF Discussion Paper 2017 * 16).

Human resources, often identified as a weakness in the SMS, can become a catalyst for improving the safety system when the organisation supports them in identifying, mitigating, and managing their personal stress factors.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Introduction

As the holy grail event for all helicopter pilots, owners, manufacturers and maintainers, Verticon 2026 did not fail to impress. This year's exhibition was again held in Atlanta, USA and presented a vast selection of new products, specialised services and cutting-edge technologies.

Event Overview

VERTICON 2026 was a resounding success, bringing together leading figures from the helicopter industry, enthusiasts, and the general public. A total of 684 exhibitors and 64 aircraft were showcased to more than 12,800 avid visitors from across the globe in the impressive Georgia World Congress Centre. The event featured a diverse range of helicopter models, cutting-edge technology demonstrations, and engaging activities for all ages.

Notable Announcements

Guimbal Cabri G5



Numerous new helicopters and major acquisitions were announced during the show, notably by "smaller" OEMs such as Guimbal in launching its turbine-powered Cabri G5. The evolution of this 5-seater platform reveals a distinct resemblance to the smaller G2 and promises to be future competition for Robinson's R66.

Robinson R66 Mock-up

A complete cockpit and cabin mock-up of the Robinson's R88 was on display for excited patrons to clamber into and appreciate the spacious layout. The standard 2-plus-8-seater configuration includes an impressive new avionics suite and ergonomically pleasing equipment design. The R88 continues to elicit much discussion as an intermediate fit within the existing Bell 407, H125 and AW119 single-engine turbine class, particularly due to its reversion to a two-bladed main rotor system.



McDermott Aviation 214ST



McDermott Helicopters' model 214 ST provided a snapshot into how a 1970s design and ageing technology can be rejuvenated to produce a perpetual heavy-lift firefighting platform for generations to come. The new lease on life includes re-engining the ST with two Safran powerplants and reducing its basic empty weight by more than 1,000lbs through the removal of redundant items and incorporating state-of-the-art avionics. This project bodes well for the future of similar *legacy types* through a solid investment in life-extension programmes.

MD 564

MD Helicopters revealed yet another *pocket-rocket* with its latest iteration of the venerable 500-series: enter the new MD 564. Albeit similar in appearance and ramp-presence, the 564 incorporates six main rotor blades and a Rolls-Royce C-47 FADEC engine. The mere thought of putting such a lightweight airframe and powerful engine combination through its paces is what most pilots' dreams are made of!



Activities and Exhibits

Kids' Aviation Career Activity Centre – Jeff Pino Foundation



An interesting and noble cause towards early youth participation in aviation is driven by the Jeff Pino Foundation. A crew of highly dedicated volunteers showcased their passion to kindle a career in aviation from a very young age and afforded us a quick ride in the pseudo-simulator! The value of early intervention in tickling a child's imagination and sculpting potential career paths is highly commendable and a notion that the South African government should adopt without further delay.

Conclusion

As the incumbent president of HASA, I was humbled and privileged to attend the Vertical Aviation International (VAI) luncheon, where representatives of many contracting states gathered to share new safety and membership initiatives. The chairman of VAI, Francois Lassale shared his vision of practically engaging the global helicopter industry and imparting actual safety values at the coalface – not just in boardrooms. Mr Lassale holds a hugely impressive CV, hails from Durban and still speaks Afrikaans! The next HASA annual general meeting will be announced shortly, and I look forward to engaging as many members as possible in moving the association forward.

André Coetzee

HASA President



HELICOPTER SAFETY SEMINAR



11/04/2026



All helicopter pilots, regardless of licence held, are invited to the second annual Helicopter Safety Seminar hosted by Henley Air at Hangar 8, Rand Airport. **The event is free of charge, with limited seating.** The focus of the day is topical safety aspects, presented by helicopter industry leaders including **Boeta Dippenaar, Megan Stevenson, Emiel van Vuuren and Prof Johann Coetzee.** Please feel free to fly in, as Rand Airport is helicopter friendly with ample landing areas. Tea and snacks will be served to all registered delegates.

- 07:30** Registration
- 08:00** Safety Presentations
- 10:45** Tea and refreshments
- 11:15** Safety Presentations
- 12:30** Closure



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South Africa's commercial landscape is defined by its unique complexity: rapid regulatory evolution, infrastructural volatility, and continuous global disruption. In this environment, static, box-ticking risk management is obsolete. Businesses require an advanced, predictive partner capable of transforming risk from a threat into a competitive advantage.

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Horizon leverages state-of-the-art Integrated Risk Management Software to seamlessly embed risk awareness and mitigation directly into every facet of business operations. This powerful integration ensures all departments and functions benefit from a holistic and unified view of risks, empowering informed decision-making and fostering a resilient organizational culture.

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT.

We are dedicated to fostering an environment of continuous growth and excellence through its robust skills development program. We empower our team to achieve enhanced proficiency by providing diverse opportunities to acquire new skills, meticulously refine existing ones, and consistently stay updated with the latest industry trends and advancements. From engaging classroom sessions to flexible e-learning modules, we ensure every team member has the resources to thrive and excel in an ever-evolving landscape.

SECURITY RISK MANAGEMENT.

We provide a powerful synergy that ensures physical assets are continuously monitored and protected against immediate threats like theft and vandalism through optimised surveillance systems. This is further safeguarded by a robust security risk management framework. By proactively identifying, assessing, and mitigating risks to people, data, operations, and infrastructure, this approach builds resilience, prevents breaches, and guarantees business continuity. This strategic and holistic view transforms security from a reactive measure into a proactive enabler of success.

SAFETY MANAGEMENT.

We employ an integrated Safety Management system that proactively ensures Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) legal compliance and surpasses regulatory standards. Our focus extends to cultivating best practices for workplace safety, safeguarding employee health, championing environmental sustainability, and upholding exceptional product or service quality, particularly within the industrial and aviation sectors.

QUALITY MANAGEMENT.

We implement a systematic process to ensure our products and services consistently meet specified requirements and standards. Our Quality Assurance (QA) examines the entire process, from initial concept to final delivery, guaranteeing excellence, particularly within industry and aviation sectors.

This systematic approach is underpinned by the fundamental principles of ISO 9000.

SECURITY GUARDING SERVICES.

We provide highly trained, PSIRA registered security personnel dedicated to protecting people, property, and critical business assets. Our guarding solutions are tailored to each client's operational environment, ensuring visible deterrence, rapid incident response, and a professional security presence that enhances overall safety and risk resilience.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT AND SECURITY INSTALLATIONS.

Our technical division delivers end to end electronic security solutions, including system design, installation, integration, and ongoing maintenance. We deploy world class surveillance systems, access control technologies, intrusion detection systems, and security infrastructure supported by a skilled technical team. Clients benefit from reliable, scalable, and intelligently engineered systems that strengthen their operational security posture.

UNMANNED AIR SYSTEM (DRONE) OPERATIONS

We offer advanced Unmanned Air System (UAS) services that extend situational awareness beyond traditional ground based capabilities. Our licensed drone operators conduct aerial surveillance, rapid-area assessments, perimeter monitoring, and specialized mission support using high resolution imaging and real time analytics. This capability enhances our clients' ability to detect, track, and respond to risks with unmatched speed and precision.

ARMED TACTICAL RESPONSE SERVICES.

Our Armed Tactical Response Units deliver rapid, high intensity intervention during critical security incidents. Staffed by elite, highly trained tactical officers, these teams are equipped to manage complex and high-risk situations with professionalism and accuracy. Our response capability ensures immediate on site support, decisive threat mitigation, and a robust layer of protection for clients facing elevated security challenges.

WHY CHOOSE HORIZON FOR THE SOUTH AFRICAN MARKET?

Value Proposition

Business Impact

Local Relevance

Operational Agility

Minimise downtime and capital loss due to unforeseen local disruptions.

Strategies explicitly designed to manage infrastructure, power, and logistics failures.

Regulatory Confidence

Achieve guaranteed compliance and avoid severe penalties and reputational damage.

Deep, current expertise and specific sector regulations.

Sustainable Capability

Reduce reliance on external consultation and build internal long-term value.

Skills development and transformation built into every engagement, aligning with national priorities.

Predictive Insights

Convert risk data into strategic foresight, supporting faster, smarter executive decision-making.

Benchmarking against local industry leaders and addressing socio-economic and political volatility.

OUR COMMITMENT

Horizon is committed to the growth and resilience of the South African economy. We provide the tools, technology, and local expertise necessary for your business to not only survive volatility but to strategically leverage it for market leadership.

We don't manage risk for you; we empower you to master it.

MARKET SEGMENTS

We pride ourselves that we currently add value in the following business sectors of South Africa.

Aviation,
Automotive Industry,
Maritime Industry
Chemical Industry,
Corporate Services,
Gold Mining,
Gold Processing Operations,
Platinum Mining,
Platinum Processing Operations,
Iron Ore Mining,
International Precious Metals Security Design,
Residential Estates,
Private Protection,
Emergency and Disaster Management,
Financial Sector
Food Processing Sector
Travel Risk

MEMBERSHIPS

Horizon maintains active memberships with key industry organizations, ensuring adherence to best practices and continuous professional development.



Microsoft
AI Cloud Partner



South African Institute of
Occupational Safety and Health



Commercial Aviation Association
Southern Africa

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