

Memorandum of Understanding

BETWEEN THE

Air Accident Investigation Bureau of Singapore

AND THE

Australian Transport Safety Bureau

ON COOPERATION RELATING TO AVIATION INVESTIGATION

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THE AIR ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION BUREAU OF SINGAPORE
AND THE AUSTRALIAN TRANSPORT SAFETY BUREAU
ON COOPERATION RELATING TO AVIATION INVESTIGATION**

The Air Accident Investigation Bureau of Singapore (“AAIB Singapore”) and the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (“ATSB”), together known as “the Parties”,

- (a) Subscribing to the objective enshrined in Annex 13 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation (“the Chicago Convention”) that the sole object of the investigation of an aircraft accident or incident shall be the prevention of accidents and incidents and that it is not the purpose of the investigation activity to apportion blame or provide a means of determining liability;
- (b) Committed to enhancing the capabilities and professionalism of their respective aircraft accident investigators;
- (c) Wishing to share expertise and experience relating to aviation investigation;
- (d) Acknowledging their common interest in establishing a lasting framework for cooperation in the area of aviation investigation.

HAVE REACHED THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDING:

Objective and Areas of Cooperation

1. In entering into this MOU, the sole objective of both Parties is the enhancement of aviation safety.
2. The Parties will cooperate in aviation investigation, investigation training and sharing of information and expertise, consistent with the Standards and



Recommended Practices of Annex 13 to the Chicago Convention. The areas of cooperation are as follows:

(a) **Provision of Assistance**

The Parties will offer assistance and the use of air safety investigation facilities and equipment to each other as deemed appropriate and as resources permit. This assistance may include expertise in the fields of air traffic services, engineering, operations, flight recorders, human performance and management organisation.

(b) **Attendance of Courses and Training**

The Parties will, where practicable, invite each other's investigators to attend general or specialist investigation courses and training conducted by them.

(c) **Attachment to Investigation as Observers**

The Parties will facilitate the attachment of each other's investigators as observers in their investigation of accidents and serious incidents, with a view to enhancing the understanding of each other's investigation requirements and procedures, so as to permit an effective cooperation in any investigation of accident or serious incident to a Party's aircraft in the other Party's territory pursuant to Annex 13 to the Chicago Convention.

Coordination

3. The contact person in ATSB for the implementation of this MOU is:

Deputy Director
Air Safety Investigation
Australian Transport Safety Bureau
P O Box 967
Civic Square ACT 2608
Australia



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4. The contact person in AAIB Singapore for the implementation of this MOU is:

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Changi Airport Post Office
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Singapore 918155
Republic of Singapore

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Financial Matters

5. Unless otherwise agreed, each Party should bear its own cost for the implementation of the matters set out in this MOU.

Amendment

6. This MOU may be amended at any time by mutual consent of the Parties.

Commencement and Duration

7. This MOU will come into effect on the date of signing and will remain in effect unless it is terminated by either Party giving one month's written notice to the other Party.
8. The Parties may, by mutual agreement, provide for the survival of any arrangement upon termination of this MOU.



Signed in duplicate,



MR CHAN WING KEONG
DIRECTOR
AIR ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION
BUREAU OF SINGAPORE

At: Singapore

Date: 16 July 2003



MR KYM BILLS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
AUSTRALIAN TRANSPORT
SAFETY BUREAU

At: Canberra

Date: 28 July 2003