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Subject: **Nomination of the Chairman of the Board of Directors of NAV Portugal**

NAV Portugal has a new Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Lieutenant-Colonel **Albano** Manuel Carvalho **Coutinho** is the **new Chairman of the Board of NAV Portugal**.

Lieutenant-Colonel **Albano Coutinho** is a former air traffic controller from the Portuguese Air Force, which he joined in 1981. Within the Portuguese Air Force, he was Squadron Commander of Lajes Air Base (Terceira Island, Azores) from 1997 to 2005, Squadron Commander of the Independent Air Traffic Squadron (Lisbon ACC) from 2005 to 2006 and Chief of the Air Traffic Management Centre of the Portuguese Air Force from 2006 to 2010.

Since 2010 to the time of his nomination to replace **Luís Coimbra**, he was an Air Navigation Inspector with the National Civil Aviation Authority (ANAC), as well as responsible for the licensing of Air Traffic Controllers, National Focal Point to EASA ATM/ANS inspections, the Portuguese representative at the Administrative Board of the European GNSS Agency, and EASA team member for ATM/ANS standardization inspections.

Note to editors:

NAV Portugal is the company that provides Air Navigations Services in the Flight Information Regions (FIR) under Portuguese responsibility: Lisboa FIR which include mainland Portugal and Madeira Archipelago and Santa Maria FIR which includes the Azores Archipelago and a vast area of the north Atlantic To fulfil its mission, it has two Control Centers (in Lisboa and Santa Maria), 10 Control Towers in national airports, a Training Centre and numerous systems and equipment to support air navigation.

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