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### New UAE Cape Town Entry Point



**The General Civil Aviation Authority of the United Arab Emirates ("GCAA") has declared that its aircraft registry will be the Authorizing Entry Point ("AEP") in the UAE for filings on the International Register relating to the Cape Town Convention. We have been advised that this declaration will become effective from 24 November 2011 and that, accordingly, filings will no longer be made through the Dubai law firm that had previously served as the AEP for the UAE.**

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The filings will be made through an on-line portal [www.gcaa.gov.ae/en/aep/pages/home.aspx](http://www.gcaa.gov.ae/en/aep/pages/home.aspx) which will require:

- an on-line form with details of the parties, the aircraft object and the nature of the interests
- evidence of aircraft object ownership, lease agreement or any other title of aircraft object property, which we expect will consist of a pdf copy of the relevant agreement
- payment of a non-refundable authorisation code fee AED4,072 (approx. US\$1,100)

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After an application is made through the on-line portal, the system will provide an access code that will allow the parties to make the filing on the International Register.

The on-line portal is up and running, although, at the time of writing we have been advised by the GCAA that it will not be fully functional until the morning of 24 November. The current AEP system is expected to end at close of business on 23 November, so there may be a small gap between the two AEPs for closings on that day.

It is hoped that the new AEP designation and on-line portal will make registrations on the International Register for UAE transactions more efficient and more cost effective.

The GCAA is also in the process of updating its guidance on aircraft registration requirements, which are expected to provide greater clarification on what process the GCAA would follow in connection with the de-registration of a UAE-registered aircraft using an IDERA, and which may contain further details regarding the operational requirements of the GCAA's on-line AEP portal.

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