



# ARIANA-NAS LAUNCH GROUND HANDLING SERVICES AT KEY AFGHAN AIRPORTS

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Ariana-NAS, a joint venture between National Aviation Services (NAS) and Ariana Afghan Airlines, has launched ground handling services in Herat and Kandahar International Airports in Afghanistan, in a move that it is hoped will facilitate the integration of Afghanistan into the wider global economy.

Stephen Irwin, general manager of NAS Afghanistan said: “At NAS, we fully understand the opportunities and challenges of operating in emerging markets. Our commercial and operational expertise gives us the edge as an ideal partner in airports services worldwide, allowing us to operate at optimal financial and operational levels. Being a privately owned company affords NAS the very important advantage of being independent to offer partners the best in airport services.”

He added: “Development of the aviation industry is crucial to the development of emerging economies such as Afghanistan, as air transport plays a key role in supporting national long-term economic growth. It provides direct benefits to users and wider commercial benefits by positively impacting growth and productivity.”

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