

BAINES SIMMONS DELIVERS PART 21 TRAINING TO COMAC IN SHANGHAI

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Baines Simmons, part of the Consulting & Training division of global aviation services group Air Partner, has recently delivered Part 21 training in Shanghai to the Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China (COMAC), as it evaluates the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) regulatory framework.

Baines Simmons was contracted to provide a Part 21 course (Airworthiness and Environmental Certification), which involved two days of Design Organisations Approval (DOA) training and one day of Compliance Verification Engineer (CVE) training. This was then concluded by a day-long Q&A session with 25 senior executives, exploring the intent, benefits and challenges of being a Design Organisation Approval Holder (DOAH).

During the Q&A, key messages that stimulated particular discussion included:

- “If performance is the objective, compliance will be a natural result”
- “Design for certification, do not try to certify the design”
- “Focus on setting up your management system to convince yourself (and then the regulator) that you are Consistent, Capable and Competent”

Duane Kritzinger, Principal Consultant at Baines Simmons, said: *“It was a privilege to be invited to facilitate this very interactive and challenging workshop on the intent of the EASA regulations and the logic of the regulatory framework. It is a really exciting time for COMAC and I look forward to following its progress as it moves closer to entering the C919 into commercial service.”*

Kwok Chan, Senior Flight Safety Advisor at COMAC, commented: *“It was a very successful training session. All those who took part, both from the Engineering and Senior Management teams, benefitted from Duane’s expert knowledge and experience.”*

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