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IAWA Selects 2016 Aviation Industry Woman of Excellence Award Recipient: Sharon Holahan

The International Aviation Womens Association (IAWA) is pleased to announce the recipient of the 2016 IAWA Aviation Industry Woman of Excellence Award as Sharon Holahan. This award recognizes women who are leaders in the field of aviation, have demonstrated a commitment to the advancement of women in the industry and are respected as team players by men and women alike. As a woman who epitomizes these attributes, IAWA is honored to recognize Sharon Holahan as the fifth recipient of this award.

Holahan has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the advancement of women in the aviation industry and to IAWA. Holahan has served in a leadership capacity as a Board member, including as Director at Large, Advisory Board Member, and currently Honorary Board Member. "The core principles that guide us today were established by Sharon and the group who founded IAWA. As IAWA's first President, she set the standard for all who would follow her. Her many contributions over the years continue to shape IAWA. We are all grateful for Sharon's work and enduring commitment to advancing women in aviation and aerospace" said IAWA President Lisa Piccione.

Sharon Holahan is the Director of Claims and an Executive Vice President at Global Aerospace and has the oversight responsibility for airline, manufacturers' product liability and major litigation throughout Global Aerospace. Before coming to Global, she was an attorney in private practice and an associate editor at Aviation International News. Sharon is a founding member and first president of the International Aviation Womens Association. She is a past Chair of the American Bar Association's Aviation and Space Law Committee of the Torts and Insurance Section. In 1996 she was selected for membership in the International Who's Who of Professionals in Aviation. Sharon is a member of the New York and New Jersey Bars, and a non-current private pilot. Sharon received her undergraduate degree from Ohio University and law degree from Western New England School of Law.

Holahan's achievements exemplify all for which the IAWA Woman of Excellence Award stands – leadership, commitment and respect. She is highly regarded throughout the aviation community for her professionalism, grace and selfless commitment to the betterment of the aviation industry.

IAWA proudly awards Sharon Holahan the Aviation Industry Woman of Excellence Award for 2016.

IAWA is a non-profit association providing a worldwide network dedicated to promoting the advancement of women in the aviation and aerospace industries at all levels across the globe. IAWA sponsors informative meetings, hosts receptions and connects, publishes newsletters, and keeps its members updated on the latest industry developments. For more information visit www.iawa.org.