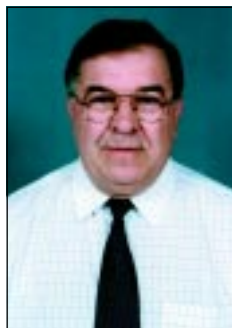


## Aviation Group News



Roger Smith  
SIG Chairman

First of all on behalf of the group I would like to welcome our new W.C. Michael Cole and his wife who have agreed to continue and host the aviation group for their meetings. Our special thanks and best wishes to W. C. John Bartram and his wife for their support in hosting the meetings over the last 7 months, we all wish them well for the future.

We also welcome - Ian Crawford BAE Systems - Gordon Blackwood Group 4 - David Priestley Rolls-Royce PLC - David Weston Capital Consulting Office and James Paterson Supreme Foods.

Our group is open to all members of the RGBB who have an interest in aviation and we welcome new members. For further information please contact Roger Smith, or Chris Maybury.



Right: Latest model of the Stealth Fighter about to take to the air

Expansion of KAIA to Cost SR 5.5b  
The planned expansion of King Abdul Aziz International Airport in Jeddah is expected to cost SR 5.5 billion (\$ 1.5 billion) according to the presidency for civil aviation the project is aimed at increasing the airport's annual capacity to 21 million passengers.

The project will include construction of new lounges for international and domestic passengers, development of present lounges and providing 25 air bridges for boarding passengers.

The project will be implemented in phases without effecting the continuous and smooth operation of the airport. The expansion project will be completed by the year 2007.

Last year 13 million passengers used the airport and figure is expected to reach 21 million by 2003.

## SECURITY AND SAFETY SIG

The new Special Interest Group for Security and Safety has recently been formed and has already generated considerable interest. Chairman of this SIG is Gordon Blackwood, General Manager of Group 4 Nesma and Deputy Chairman is Allan Thornton, Security Manager of BAE Systems. The British Embassy Commercial Section also has representation in this SIG, Mr. Syed Zaman.



The aim of the SIG is two fold, firstly from a commercial perspective we may be seen as a route to market for Security and Safety Products, Services and Systems, of Companies wishing to enter or expand in the Saudi market. Secondly, we may be seen as a source of information, networking, knowledge, experience and advice, which we may use or pass on in our day to day business.

All too often Security and Safety is regarded as a cost burden to many businesses, a topic which remains low on the board agenda, if there at all. Albeit I am certain is on everyone's agenda at present.



Security and safety is the responsibility of everyone, whether you are the CEO of a major corporation or the tea boy, we all have a duty to ourselves, our families and colleagues to improve, or in some cases provide, levels of Security and Safety. Therefore, anyone thinking of joining this new SIG need not be from a Security or Safety background, all that is needed is an interest.

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