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Mr. Emile Arao is a highly talented and accomplished Aviation Professional currently holding his Bachelor of Science Degree in Aircraft Engineering Technology, his Master's Degree in Business Administration in Aviation, with a specialisation in Aviation Systems Management; both obtained from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. He has also worked as an Air-frame and Power-plant (A&P) mechanic and he holds a current Kenyan and USA Multi-Commercial Pilot license with an Instrument Rating.

Most notably, Emile has worked for the Kenyan Civil Aviation Authority as an Airworthiness Inspector where he was involved in helping write the Kenya Civil Aviation Regulations that were promulgated in 2007 as a resource person. In his dealings with the Civil Aviation Authority, he has also been heavily involved with the Bilateral Air Service Agreements (BASA) helping numerous airlines obtain the freedoms of the air to operate in and out of Kenya on a scheduled and non-scheduled service arrangement.

In East Africa, Emile is considered one of the aviation industry's leading experts on setting up airline systems and optimising high-value airline operations specialising in projects requiring start-up expertise. He has been dubbed the "idea factory" by many of his colleagues and has the ability to identify trends and focus on fast results. He is a leading expert on business and strategic plan development, marketing and branding, diversification strategies, partnership development and due diligence. Consulting projects include business plan development for both airline restructuring and start-ups, formulation of strategic growth recommendations, managing of client's growth mission and operational objectives, providing vision and leadership to carry out mission, and building of relationships.