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Cameron Ross Named Winner Of 2019 Laura Taber Barbour Air Safety Award

TAIPEI -- The Laura Taber Barbour Safety Foundation is pleased to announce Cameron Ross, head of aviation for BHP and the driving force behind the Flight Safety Foundation's Basic Aviation Risk Standard (BARS) program, as the 2019 recipient of the Laura Taber Barbour Air Safety Award.

Ross, with BHP's support, conceived the idea for BARS in 2009. Designed to provide organizations that engage contracted aircraft operators with a standard to assist in the risk-based management of aviation activities, BARS has evolved into a key safety program supporting the mining and mineral resources industry, largely thanks to Ross's efforts. More than 170 aircraft operators, flying nearly 1,600 fixed- and rotary-wing aircraft in 34 countries, have been audited since November 2010. Ross also established and chairs the BARS Technical Advisory Committee that ensures the standard's continued refinement and effectiveness.

Ross's aviation safety advocacy work extends to humanitarian relief aviation projects around the world through his work with the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) and its Zero Hunger initiative. Ross has represented the Flight Safety Foundation on the WFP's Aviation Safety Board since 2015. His efforts led to the development of a BAR Standard for relief air drops, which has been adopted by WFP, and the publication of a drop zone coordinator's field manual.

"Cameron Ross is among a very select group of aviation professionals who can be credited with spearheading an industry-changing safety initiative," says Jim Burin, Chair of the Laura Taber Barbour Air Safety Award board. "His efforts to both conceive BARS and champion its expansion and adoption by mining, mineral-resource, and humanitarian relief operations continue to make these crucial aviation services safer, and earned him the Laura Taber Barbour Award."

The awards were announced at a special ceremony during the 72nd Flight Safety Foundation International Air Safety Summit in Taipei, Taiwan, on November 5, 2019.

About the Laura Taber Barbour Air Safety Foundation and Award

On April 14, 1945, after visiting family in Pittsburgh, Mrs. Laura Taber Barbour was aboard a Pennsylvania Central Airlines DC-3 when it crashed in to the rugged terrain of Cheat Mountain near Morgantown, West Virginia. All passengers and crew were killed. In 1956, her husband,

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Dr. Clifford E. Barbour and son, Cliff, established the Award in her honor. For nearly 60 years, this long distinguished award has recognized those responsible for crowning achievements in aviation safety worldwide.

The Award was established through early association with the Flight Safety Foundation and from its founding has enjoyed a rich history of Award Board members, nominees and Award recipients. In 2013, the Laura Taber Barbour Air Safety Foundation was formed from members of the Award Board, the aviation community and the Barbour family. As the foundation plans to broaden the scope of its intent, with great purpose, the Laura Taber Barbour Air Safety Award will continue to spotlight those champions who pioneer breakthroughs in flight safety. For more information on the foundation, the award, and past winners, visit <http://LTBAward.org>

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