
Inmarsat appoints new head of aviation business

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Inmarsat today announced that **Philip Balaam**, the company's Chief Strategy Officer, has been appointed to lead the Aviation Business Unit (ABU), following the decision by **Leo Mondale** to retire after 13 years at Inmarsat. Mondale will retire in early 2018.

"I would like to thank Leo for his invaluable contribution to Inmarsat over many years. He led our global business development activities and was responsible for conceiving and implementing many of our most formative growth transactions. We wish him well for the future," said **Rupert Pearce**, CEO of Inmarsat.

Before joining Inmarsat, Balam was responsible for international sales, strategy and business development at AsiaSat in Hong Kong. Before that, he was with Arianespace for 13 years, including the role of sales director based out of Paris and subsequently as sales and marketing director for Asia Pacific based in Singapore.

Balam has a First Class degree in Aeronautics and Astronautics from the University of Southampton, a Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering from Pennsylvania State University and an MBA from the Open University.