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MBJ Sets New Annual Traffic Record with 4,284,648 Passengers in 2017

Montego Bay, Jamaica, 23 January 2018 // Sangster International Airport operator MBJ Airports set another annual traffic record in 2017 with 4,284,648 arriving and departing passengers, an 8.4% increase over the previous year.

“We are very pleased with the growth in passenger traffic in 2017 and commend our staff and partners for handling such a robust increase without a hitch,” said MBJ Airports CEO Rafael Echevarne. “We are spending USD 40m over the next few years to improve the infrastructure of our facility to sustain continued traffic growth well into the future and to ensure the best possible experience for our guests,” Echevarne added.

The strong demand for Jamaica’s hospitality product and the expanding local economy helped drive traffic beyond a preliminary estimate of 4.12% traffic growth at Sangster International Airport.

The greatest monthly increase of 2017 was recorded in August at 14.12%. Traffic grew by double digits in each month between July and December.

By sheer volume, the 421,506 passengers recorded in July came second only to the 423,465 recorded in December. The 248,989 arriving and departing passengers recorded in September was the lowest traffic volume recorded in any month of 2017, but represents a 10.4% increase over September 2016, nonetheless.

About MBJ Airports:

MBJ Airports Limited, operator of Sangster International Airport, connects Jamaica to more than 50 international destinations. MBJ operates the airport under a 30-year concession awarded in 2003 and provides employment to more than 150 Jamaicans. SIA has been named the Caribbean’s Leading Airport by World Travel Awards for the past nine years.

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