

## **Sangster International Airport to welcome Surinam Airways**

**Montego Bay, Jamaica, April 3, 2006 ...** Surinam Airways, the National air carrier of the Republic of Surinam, announced plans today to provide non-stop service from Paramaribo, to Montego Bay. The inaugural flight will depart Johan Adolf Pengel International Airport (PBM) on April 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM and arrive at Sangster International Airport (MBJ) at 10:10 AM. The flights will operate on Mondays and Thursdays, using MD 82 jet aircraft. This is the only scheduled service between the two cities.

Surinam Airways' Vice President Commercial Affairs, Clyde Cairo said "Our twice weekly flights from South America will arrive in the morning to connect with the morning hub operated by Air Jamaica. Our customers will be able to make direct connections to Miami, as well as to other cities in the US and Canada, thanks to the modern and efficient transfer facilities offered by MBJ Airports Limited". Mr. Cairo also pointed out "discussions were held with Air Jamaica over the past several months and the Caricom membership was an important factor in bringing about the cooperative agreement that we have reached".

Jorge Sales, CEO of MBJ Airports Limited commented "We look forward to welcoming Surinam Airways, as we continue to add new destinations for customers traveling to and from Sangster International Airport". The CEO continued "Tourism from South America to Jamaica has grown by 63% in the first two months of this year, with Surinam Airways introducing new service we are confident that this trend will continue".

Surinam Airways is the national airline of Surinam, based in Paramaribo. It operates international, regional and domestic passenger services using B747-300, MD82 and DHC-6 Twin Otter Aircraft. Its hub is at Johan Adolf Pengel International Airport.

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