



## ADVISORY

November 30, 2012

### *MBJ Airports Limited Conducts an Emergency Response Exercise at Sangster International Airport*

More than 100 volunteers and multiple agencies will participate in an emergency simulation exercise at Sangster International Airport on November 30, 2012. Conducted from time to time, a simulation exercise is a requirement of International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) standards and allows the various agencies to practice their response in preparation of a real emergency. Regular airport activities will proceed as normal.

The exercise scenario will involve the participation of Jamaica Constabulary Force, Cornwall Regional Hospital, Jamaica Defence Force, ODPEM, and the Jamaica Fire Brigade along with MBJ Airports Limited (MBJ) own Emergency Response Team. More than 100 volunteers will play injured victims, passengers and family members providing a realistic experience for those agencies involved.

An Emergency Management Plan centres around three principles - prevent, prepare and practice - and deals with any emergency situation, be it an aircraft incident; a natural disaster, such as an earthquake, fire or flood; a medical emergency; or a security threat. It is assessed and refined on an ongoing basis to incorporate knowledge gained through real-life and simulated emergency situations, and the latest developments in airport safety and emergency management.

The exercise will be conducted in secure areas of the airport property and therefore MBJ will not be able to facilitate access to the media during the exercise. Should any members of the media wish to be provided access after the event, please contact Sharon Hislop at [shislop@mbjairport.com](mailto:shislop@mbjairport.com) or at 564-7713 (mobile) to make arrangements for escort.

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