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MBJ Airports Limited Full Scale Emergency Response Exercise at Sangster International Airport

Montego Bay, Jamaica, 19 October, 2018 // MBJ Airports Limited (MBJ) will conduct a full-scale aerodrome emergency exercise, titled **Exercise Mockingbird**, at the Sangster International Airport (SIA) on Thursday, 25 October 2018, commencing at 1800 hours with a programmed completion time of 2000 hours.

The activity is to be confined to designated areas within the operational footprint of SIA. **Exercise Mockingbird** will involve the simulation of an aircraft safety incident, requiring coordinated responses from MBJ's Emergency Response teams, the Jamaica Fire Brigade, the Jamaica Constabulary Force, the Jamaica Defence Force, the Ministry of Health, among others.

The full-scale emergency simulation is being conducted pursuant to requirements of the Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority and the International Civil Aviation Organization, which prescribe the staging of such events at two year intervals. **Exercise Mockingbird** will evaluate all facets of MBJ's Emergency Response Plan as well as test the functionality and robustness of coordination efforts with principal first response agencies, particularly at night.

Exercise Mockingbird is not expected to affect the use of MBJ facilities by visitors or arriving and departing passengers, however, persons in the immediate vicinity of the activity may experience emergency related noises along with minor detours for which appropriate directions will be provided.

In addition, a group of actors and volunteers will participate in the exercise, allowing first responders to practise important processes such as cordon, control, triage, treatment and transportation. Police officers, fire fighters, other emergency workers and airport personnel will conduct themselves as they would during a real emergency. However, MBJ Airports Limited wishes to assure the public that activities observed during the time slated are part of the planned drill.

We thank all airport users for their understanding and encourage calm as we carry out this necessary emergency exercise which assists in improving our airport emergency plan and response capabilities.

About MBJ Airports:

MBJ Airports Limited, operator of Sangster International Airport, connects Jamaica to more than 60 international destinations. A record 4.2m passenger used the airport in 2017. MBJ operates SIA under a 30-year concession awarded in 2003 and provides employment to more than 160 Jamaicans.

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