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## **MBJ Inaugurates Upgraded Ticketing Concourse at Sangster International Airport**

Montego Bay, Jamaica, 22 May, 2019 // MBJ Airports Limited, operator of Jamaica's leading gateway to the world, hosted a forum and official opening ceremony for the newly renovated Ticketing Concourse at Sangster International Airport (SIA) on Friday 17 May.

The forum commenced at 12pm and concluded with a ribbon-cutting ceremony presided over by government and aviation officials. Those in attendance included: the Honourable Minister of Transport and Mining, Robert Montague; His Worship Councillor Homer Davis, Mayor of Montego Bay; Custos of St. James Bishop Conrad Pitkin; Airports Authority of Jamaica (AAJ) Chairman William Shagoury; AAJ President and CEO Audley Deidrick; and MBJ Airports Limited's CEO Dr. Rafael Echevarne.

"We are at a very interesting point in the airport's ongoing development and we're making great progress as we transform the infrastructure, systems and service to that of a world class facility, while simultaneously creating a uniquely Jamaican "Irie Airport Experience," commented MBJ Airports CEO Rafael Echevarne.

"The refurbishment of the ticketing hall is a very visible part of MBJ's tireless commitment to making Sangster International Airport as safe, user-friendly and efficient as humanly possible," Echevarne added.

MBJ plans to spend USD 29m in 2019 and USD 112m over the next five years on infrastructure improvements at Sangster International Airport. This is in addition to the USD 230m spent between 2003 and 2018.

### **About MBJ Airports:**

MBJ Airports Limited, operator of Sangster International Airport, connects Jamaica to more than 60 international destinations. A record 4.5m passengers used the airport in 2018. MBJ operates SIA under a 30-year concession awarded in 2003 and provides employment for approximately 7,000 Jamaicans. SIA has been named the Caribbean's Leading Airport by World Travel Awards for the past 11 years in a row.

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Dr. Janine Dawkins (Chief Technical Director at MTM), Audley Deidrick (President & CEO AAJ), Julian Palmer (Director of Finance MBJ), Rafael Echevarne (CEO MBJ), Custos of St. James, Bishop Conrad Pitkin, Honourable Minister of Transport and Mining Robert Montague, His Worship Councillor Homer Davis, Mayor of Montego Bay, Fay Hutchinson, Directors on the Board of the AAJ, Heroy Clarke, M.P. St. James Central, Tanya Bedward, Ministry of Transport.



Rafael Echevarne (CEO MBJ), William Shagoury, Custos of Clarendon & Chairman AAJ, Custos of St. James, Bishop Conrad Pitkin, Honourable Minister of Transport and Mining Robert Montague, His Worship Councillor Homer Davis, Mayor of Montego Bay. Heroy Clarke, M.P. St. James Central, Fay Hutchinson, Directors on the Board of the AAJ, Audley Deidrick (President & CEO AAJ) in background.

