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RUNWAY EXTENSION WORKS AWARDED TO LAGAN AVIATION & INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED

Montego Bay, Jamaica, 09 February 2022// Sangster International Airport (SIA), Jamaica's leading gateway to the world operated by MBJ Airports Limited (MBJ), announces the award of contract for the Runway Extension and Establishment of Runway End Safety Area (RESA) at the Sangster International Airport to Lagan Aviation & Infrastructure Limited and H&J Martin Holdings Limited JV both part of the Lagan Specialist Contracting Group of companies ("Lagan").

The signing of the contract took place earlier today with James Aikman of Lagan, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Shane Munroe and Deputy Airport Director, Carlos Salgado of MBJ. The newly appointed Minister of Transport & Works, The Honourable Audley Shaw and Mr. Audley Deidrick, President & CEO, Airports Authority of Jamaica (AAJ), were also present at the contract signing for this major development project.

The extension of the airport's Runway is part of the Airport Capital Improvement Plan. The extension of the runway will allow for the establishment of Runway End Safety Areas (RESAs) at each runway end, meeting the requirements of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and improving the runway's safety.

To execute the runway extension, necessary enabling works such as the shoreline protection, realignment of the roadway and the widening of taxiway 'Echo' & jet blast screen have commenced and are well advanced.

The commencement date for the extension of the runway pavement by 408m and establishment of RESA and relocation of thresholds and navigational aids will commence in Q1 2022 with an estimated completion date of Q2 2023. This major development work will increase the take-off run available (TORA) for the primary runway from 2,662 meters to 3,060 meters. The contract is valued at US\$ 34 million with the total Runway Expansion Project valued at US\$70 million.

Shane Munroe, CEO of MBJ, commented, "This is a major infrastructure development for Jamaica and is necessary for the continued sustainability and development of the aviation industry. MBJ is committed to operating at world-class standards and is excited to lead this project in partnership with the Government of Jamaica for the continued development of the Sangster International Airport for all stakeholders."

Mr. Audley Deidrick, President & CEO of AAJ, in his address commended MBJ for continuing their capital programmes inspite of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic which has drastically reduced aviation traffic and impaired their revenues. He noted "that this is the largest contract and project to be executed by MBJ since the initial project to expand and improve the airport at the inception of the concession." Mr. Deidrick added "Airports by nature are very capital intensive infrastructure which enables them to keep pace with traffic growth, regulatory requirements, and innovations for efficiency and enhanced passenger facilitation. The respective components of this runway extension project enure to all of these objectives."



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The Honourable Audley Shaw in his address, concurred with Mr. Deidrick and added “In addition to the Runway Extension project being funded from the Airport Improvement Fund (AIF), MBJ has spent just under US\$300m on capital projects to expand and improve the facilities at SIA since the commencement of the concession. These projects will significantly increase and improve the airport’s capacity and passenger experience as they move through Sangster International Airport.” Minister Shaw not only commended MBJ on the Runway Project, but also on the solar project to add 3MW of power, the first phase of 1 MW already completed, and indicated that he “is excited about the direction our aviation sector is headed which will benefit both travelers and the Jamaican economy.”

The CEO of Lagan, Mr. Kevin Lagan, in a statement commented "Given the close affiliation Lagan Specialist Contracting Group holds with the Caribbean over the past three decades, and in particular Jamaica, I am delighted that Lagan Aviation and H&J Martin Holdings Joint Venture has been selected to undertake construction works at Sangster International Airport - Montego Bay.

We are excited to return to the island of Jamaica to deliver these works for and on behalf of the Airport Authority – MBJ Airports Limited. The commitment and investment shown by MBJ to proceed this project at Sangster International Airport illustrates a positive message in the recovery of both the aviation and tourist industries in Jamaica."

Lagan has completed work of a similar nature for the Royal Air Force base in Northolt and Marham, United Kingdom, and Akrotiri, Cyprus as well as Dublin Airport. LAGAN has also completed airside pavement works at Heathrow, London City Airport, and within the Caribbean.

Lagan is an international business with offices in Belfast (Head Office), Dublin, Warrington, London, Glasgow, Livingstone, Virginia (USA) and Dubai (UAE)" and we anticipate that this project will be our gateway back into the Jamaican market and the wider Caribbean.



L-R: Audley Deidrick, President & CEO, AAI; Hon. Audley Shaw, Minister of Transport; James Aikman of Lagan; Shane Munroe, CEO, MBJ, at the contract signing for the Runway Extension and Establishment of Runway End Safety Area (RESA) at SIA



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L-R: Nick Rainey & James Aikman of Lagan; Carlos Salgado, Deputy Airport Director, MBJ; Shane Munroe, CEO, MBJ; Hon. Audley Shaw, Minister of Transport; Audley Deidrick, President & CEO, AAI and David Pratt of LeighFisher

About MBJ Airports:

MBJ Airports Limited, operator of Sangster International Airport, connects Jamaica to more than 60 international destinations. A record of 4.7m passengers used the airport in 2019. MBJ operates SIA under a 30-year concession awarded in 2003 and the airport provides employment to more than 7,500 persons. SIA has been named the Caribbean's Leading Airport by World Travel Awards for 14 years.

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