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MBJ Airports Introduces State-of-the-Art Surface Cleaning and Paving Equipment to Jamaica

Montego Bay, Jamaica, 21 August, 2018 // MBJ Airports, operator of Jamaica's leading gateway to the world, Sangster International Airport (SIA), has introduced advanced surface cleaning and paving equipment to Jamaica for the first time.

MBJ received a state-of-the-art surface cleaning machine manufactured by WaterBlasting Technologies in July. The water blaster will be used to remove rubber and oil deposited by aircraft and equipment from the runway, taxiways and platforms. The USD 450,000 machine provides up to 40,000 psi of pressure from a single head and will help ensure adequate friction on the runway surface in keeping with international protocol.

Jamaica's only slip paver was imported from Mexico in July to resurface the taxiways and aprons at SIA as part of concrete works subcontracted to Carib Cement owner Cemex. The concrete works will be completed by the end of November.

"These investments are part of MBJ's commitment to operating and maintaining Sangster International Airport as a world-class facility on par with other leading airports around the world," said MBJ CEO Rafael Echevarne. "We spare no costs when it comes to improving the infrastructure and ensuring the safety of our airline passengers," the CEO added.

About MBJ Airports:

MBJ Airports Limited, operator of Sangster International Airport, connects Jamaica to more than 50 international destinations. A record 4.2m passengers used the airport in 2017. MBJ operates SIA under a 30-year concession awarded in 2003 and provides employment to more than 150 Jamaicans. SIA has been named the Caribbean's Leading Airport by World Travel Awards for the past nine years in a row.

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