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Civil Aviation Authority Bahamas Statement on Ongoing Aviation Occurrence Investigations

The Civil Aviation Authority Bahamas (CAA-B) acknowledges the ongoing investigations by the Air Accident Investigation Authority (AAIA) into recent aircraft occurrences in The Bahamas.

Established under the Civil Aviation Act, 2021, the Civil Aviation Authority Bahamas is the national civil aviation regulator responsible for maintaining the safety and security of civil aviation in The Bahamas through effective regulatory oversight. The Authority develops and enforces aviation regulations, certifies and oversees air operators, aircraft, aviation personnel and approved organizations, conducts surveillance and inspections, monitors continuing compliance with applicable aviation safety requirements, and takes regulatory action where necessary to protect the public interest and maintain the highest standards of aviation safety.

In accordance with the Civil Aviation Act, 2021 and The Bahamas' obligations under the Convention on International Civil Aviation, the Air Accident Investigation Authority (AAIA) is responsible for conducting independent investigations into aircraft accidents and serious incidents. The sole objective of these investigations is to establish the facts, determine contributing factors and make safety recommendations aimed at preventing future occurrences. These investigations are conducted independently of the CAA-B's regulatory oversight and enforcement responsibilities and are not intended to apportion blame or determine liability.

CAA-B fully supports the AAIA in the discharge of its statutory mandate and continues to provide the technical expertise, information and regulatory assistance necessary to facilitate the investigative process.

Separately, in the exercise of its regulatory oversight responsibilities, the Authority has taken action following two recent aircraft occurrences involving Flamingo Air Ltd. Pursuant to Section 30(1)(b) of the Civil Aviation Act, 2021, the Air Operator Certificate (AOC) issued to Flamingo Air Ltd. has been temporarily suspended pending further regulatory review. During the period of suspension, the operator will be permitted to conduct non-commercial positioning flights solely for the purpose of returning its aircraft to home base. No commercial air transport operations will be authorized while the suspension remains in effect.

The temporary suspension has been implemented as a precautionary safety measure to allow the Authority to complete the necessary regulatory assessments and oversight activities. It should not be construed as an adverse compliance or enforcement action against the operator, nor should it be interpreted as a determination of fault or liability in relation to the recent occurrences. The

Authority's actions are guided solely by the paramount objective of ensuring aviation safety while preserving the integrity of the regulatory oversight process.

CAA-B inspectors will conduct a comprehensive inspection of the operator's fleet, maintenance records, operational records and associated documentation as part of the Authority's regulatory oversight responsibilities. The inspection will assess the operator's compliance with applicable regulatory requirements, including continuing airworthiness, operational control and safety management obligations, and will inform any further regulatory action the Authority considers necessary.

The Authority recognizes the significant public interest in these matters and remains committed to ensuring that all regulatory decisions are guided by the interests of aviation safety and based on objective evidence. Through continued collaboration with the AAIA, government agencies, industry stakeholders and international partners, CAA-B will continue to fulfill its statutory mandate in support of a safe, secure and resilient civil aviation system in The Bahamas.

Further updates will be provided, where appropriate, in accordance with established processes.

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