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## **MBJ AIRPORTS LIMITED APPOINTS MONTEGONIAN AS ITS FIRST JAMAICAN CEO**

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MBJ Airports Limited (MBJ) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Shane Munroe as Chief Executive Officer (CEO), effective February 1, 2020.

The announcement follows the departure of the former CEO, Dr. Rafael Echevarne who has assumed the role of Director General for the Airport Council International (ACI) Latin America & Caribbean, starting February 1, 2020.

This appointment is particularly meaningful for Mr. Munroe as a Montegonian and as the first Jamaican to hold this position in the company's 16-year history, and as a Jamaican leading a Public Private Partnership (PPP). Mr. Munroe intends to build on the excellent work of his predecessor, Dr. Rafael Echevarne.

Mr. Munroe brings a wealth of technical and operational expertise to the role, having spent 18 years in a variety of positions at Sangster International Airport; two years with Airports Authority of Jamaica and the last 16 years with MBJ. Most recently he served in the capacity of Chief Technical Officer where he had responsibility for directing, coordinating and planning the activities of the Projects and Information Technology departments. Passionate about developing high performing teams, driving innovation, business growth and delivering critical business results, Mr. Munroe has been directly involved in the planning and execution of MBJ's Master Plan with a proposed spend of US\$112 million over the next 5 years to upgrade and modernize the Sangster International Airport.

In expressing his enthusiasm for his new role, the newly appointed CEO said; "I am looking forward to working with the team to create efficiencies and further contributing to developing the airport to be one of the best in the world. The team at the airport should be seen as experts globally, as good as any talent elsewhere."

Mr. Munroe has a Master's Degree in Aviation Management from the University of New South Wales, is an International Airport Professional (IAP), a certified Project Management Professional (PMP) and a Certified Member of the American Association of Airport Executives. Mr. Munroe is the proud father of a son, 7 year old James whom he shares with his wife of 9 years Dr. Patrice Thelwell-Munroe.

### **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 13 years.

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