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MBJ Accredited in Level 2 Airport Council International Carbon Accreditation Programme

Montego Bay, Jamaica, 19 December 2022/MBJ Media// Sangster International Airport (SIA), Jamaica's leading gateway to the world operated by MBJ Airports Limited, has obtained Level 2 certification in Airports Council International (ACI) Airport Carbon Accreditation (ACA) program. This after the company demonstrated reduction in its carbon emissions from sources owned and under its direct control for the 2021 period compared with 2019. 2019 carbon emissions figures being used as the base year for pre-pandemic emissions.

This marks another significant milestone related to MBJ's environmental consciousness on the global issues of carbon emissions and climate change. This achievement signals the airport's commitment to reduce its carbon emission, in keeping with aviation sustainability goals. In 2021, MBJ achieved the goal of Level 1 certification after mapping and quantifying its carbon emissions for its 2019 operations.

Emissions reduction for 2021 was achieved, quite notably, through projects related to renewables implementation, specifically with installation of a 1 megawatt ac roof-mounted solar voltaic plant. MBJ is on course to complete the installation of another plant in one of its parking lots in 2023. The latest installation will increase its renewables electricity generation to a total of 3.2 megawatts. The installation is aimed at further reducing the airport's carbon footprint.

About Airports Council International (ACI)

Airports Council International (ACI), the trade association of the world's airports, is a federated organization comprising ACI World, ACI Africa, ACI Asia-Pacific, ACI EUROPE, ACI Latin America-Caribbean and ACI North America. In representing the best interests of airports during key phases of policy development, ACI makes a significant contribution toward ensuring a global air transport system that is safe, secure, efficient and environmentally sustainable. As of January 2022, ACI serves 717 members, operating 1950 airports in 185 countries.

The Latin America and Caribbean office (ACI-LAC) has 270 airports in 34 countries and manages 95% of the region's air traffic.

About Airport Carbon Accreditation (ACA):

Airport Carbon Accreditation is the only institutionally-endorsed, global carbon management certification program for airports. It independently assesses and recognizes the efforts of airports to manage and reduce their carbon emissions through 6 levels of certification: 'Mapping', 'Reduction', 'Optimization', 'Neutrality', 'Transformation' and 'Transition'.

Through its 6 levels of certification, Airport Carbon Accreditation acknowledges that airports are at different stages in their journey towards comprehensive carbon management. It is a program for airports of all sizes, extending beyond hubs and regional airports with scheduled passenger traffic, to include general aviation and freight-focused airports.





About Sangster International Airport:

Sangster International Airport (IATA: MBJ, ICAO: MKJS) is an international airport located 3 mi (4.8 km) east of Montego Bay, Jamaica. The airport is capable of handling nine million passengers per year. It serves as the most popular airport for tourists visiting the north coast of Jamaica. The airport is named after former Jamaican Prime Minister Sir Donald Sangster.

About MBJ Airports:

MBJ Airports Limited, the operator of Sangster International Airport, connects Jamaica to more than 60 international destinations. A record 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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