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UPDATE TO STAKEHOLDERS ON HIGH COURT JUDGMENT OF 1 SEPTEMBER 2023 REGARDING EVICTION OF MENZIES AVIATION (NAMIBIA) (PTY) LTD ("MENZIES") FROM HOSEA KUTAKO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ("HKIA")

Dear Stakeholders,

- 1. Kindly take note that in a judgment delivered today, the High Court found that at the time Menzies was evicted from HKIA on 19 August 2023, Menzies was under no legal obligation to provide ground handling services at HKIA and similarly had no legal right to insist on providing the aforesaid services at HKIA. The court further indicated that Menzies had no legal right to continue to occupy any premises at HKIA.
- 2. The High Court also emphasized that the Namibia Airports Company Ltd ("NAC") was entitled to enforce the High Court judgment that was handed down on 29 June 2022, which ordered Menzies to vacate HKIA by 30 June 2022 and authorized the Deputy Sheriff of the High Court to evict Menzies from HKIA and remove all of Menzies' equipment from HKIA if Menzies refused to vacate HKIA by 30 June 2022 as ordered by the court.
- 3. The court likewise asserted that NAC was entitled to enforce the Supreme Court judgment of 9 June 2023 which entirely confirmed and upheld the High Court judgment of 29 June 2022. The gist of today's High Court judgment is thus that Menzies was lawfully evicted from HKIA on 19 August 2023 as the said eviction was authorized by the High Court and Supreme Court judgments alluded to above.
- 4. A direct consequence of the High Court judgment forming the subject-matter hereof is that Paragon Aviation Services ("Paragon") will continue to legitimately provide ground handling services at HKIA, which is consistent with the Supreme Court's finding to the effect that Menzies relied on unlawful self-help to stay put and had occupied HKIA premises unlawfully for about a year, despite the fact that Paragon presently has the right in accordance with a bid awarded to it by the NAC to be placed in possession of HKIA premises so as to render ground handling services at HKIA pursuant to the bid awarded to it by NAC.
- 5. Today's judgment breathed life into the assertion in the aforesaid Supreme Court judgment that the rule of law demands that Menzies' unlawful hold over the HKIA premises and forcing NAC to make use of its services should be put to an end.
- 6. We urge stakeholders to continue cooperating with Paragon in respect of provision of ground handling services at HKIA, more so in light of the outcome of today's High Court judgment, as more fully set out above.

Sincerely Yours,

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