

## THE SXM AIRPOR NEWSLETTER | JULY 2020

## **AIRPORT TERMINAL MOLD REMEDIATION** & DECONTAMINATION **WORKS ABOUT TO START**

Mold Remediation and Surface Decontamination works at the Terminal of the Princess Juliana International Airport (SXM) will be executed during the months of September through January 2021. The works are scheduled to remove the remaining mold that was produced as a result of internal water damages related to the 2017 hurricanes. The second Mold Remediation and Surface Decontamination works will be carried out before the start of the Airport Terminal Reconstruction Project ("Package 2").

The former Check-in hall, Airline and Handler offices, concessionaire spaces, the basements, and the entire upper level of the Terminal Building will be cleaned and sanitized within the job scope.

The Project Management Unit (PMU) for the Airport Terminal Reconstruction Project disclosed that the reconstruction timeline is on schedule to start the remediation works in August.

The scope of the works will include the installation of HEPA filtered air filtration units and portable humidifiers to dry any remaining wet building materials. The intent is to cleanse all the mold contaminated areas and to remove all corroded and damaged materials from all levels of the Terminal Building. The project will also dismantle wall and fixtures that will not be part of the Airport Terminal Reconstruction Project design.

In 2018, the Airport conducted its first Mold Remediation and Surface Removal Decontamination procedure as part of "Package 1" phased



project. The process also focused on the removal of unusable wall partitions.

Given the scope of the upcoming project and the possible health risks, there will be an Environmental and Social Specialist on-site in accordance with the World Bank regulations. SXM Airport will assess, manage and monitor the environmental, social risks and impacts of the project throughout the project's life cycle. The waste material removed from the terminal will be shipped off island, where it can be recycled or discarded in an environmentally friendly manner.

Today, the airport operations are executed from only 30% of the Terminal Building floorspace, from the Baggage Claim vicinity unto the B-Gates area, within the lower level of the Terminal Building.

This project is implemented by the Airport and the National Recovery Program Bureau (NRPB). It is being funded by the World Bank and the European Investment Bank (EIB) through a loan from the Government of St. Maarten to SXM Airport.

For further information on the Airport Terminal Reconstruction Project, you are encouraged to visit our website and click the reconstruction tab at www.sxmairport.com and the NRPB website at www.nrpbsxm.org,

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## **GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE**

Sint Maarten

Airport Terminal Reconstruction Project Princess Juliana International Airport, Simpson Bay, Sint Maarten Grant No. TF0B0760 | Project ID No. P167974

The Princess Juliana International Airport Operating Company N.V. (PJIAE) has received financing in the amount of US\$ 72 million equivalent from the World Bank (WB) toward the cost of the Airport Terminal Building Reconstruction Project and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for goods, works and services to be procured under this project. This project will be jointly financed by the European Investment Bank (EIB) in the amount of US\$ 50 million.

The project will include the procurement of separate Works and Equipment Packages including:

- **P2** Reconstruction of the Terminal Building Works, referred to as Package 2 (P2), consists of a multiphasedprimary construction package to reconstruct the existing Terminal Building which will comprise arrival, check-in and departures halls, security areas, concession and office spaces, restrooms, utility rooms, vertical conveying systems, HVAC, electrical & electronics systems, fire protection system, wayfinding, flight information and visual display systems. The P2 contractor will coordinate the installation of the separate Equipment Packages (EP).
- **EP-1** Passenger Boarding Bridges (PBB) procurement package includes fixed walkways and apron drive boarding bridges, accessories and systems for four (4) contact gates.
- **EP-2** Baggage Handling System (BHS) procurement package consists of a new BHS including inbound and outbound belt systems, sortation system, reclaim devices, makeup devices and controllers.
- **EP-4** Self-Serve Baggage Drop (SSBD) procurement package includes innovative equipment allowing passengers to tag and insert their baggage directly into the BHS.
- **EP-5** Digital Signage Equipment (DSE) procurement package includes LED monitors and systems, providing up-to-date information, advertising and messaging to passengers and airport staff (large screen video walls).
- **EP-7** Furnishing, Fixtures and Appliances (FF&A) procurement package includes items such as trash and recycling bins, food court seating, canteen provisions and other miscellaneous furniture and appliances. Procurement of contracts financed by the World Bank will be conducted through the procedures as specified in the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers (July 2016) (Procurement Regulations) and is open to all eligible firms and individuals as defined in the Procurement Regulations.

Specific procurement notices for contracts subject to open international competitive procurement will be announced, as they become available, in UN Development Business online, on the World Bank's external website and on the Airport's website: https://www.sxmairport.com/terminal-reconstruction-overview.php. Interested eligible firms and individuals who would wish to be considered for the provision of goods, works and services for the above mentioned project, or those requiring additional information, should contact the Borrower at the email address below:

### P2-project@sxmairport.com















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### SXM AIRPORT C-19 PREVENTION AND MITIGATION MEASURES IN FULL AFFECT

Continuing on a wave of proactive and emergency responsiveness to combat the invasive (COVID-19) is the workforce at the Princess Juliana International Airport (SXM), since January 2020. Throughout a three-month period, the aerodrome was partially operational, as the airport adhered to the travel restrictions as implemented by the Government of Sint Maarten to further maintain the precautionary measures for the inhabitants and its reducible visitors. As a result of the travel restrictions all commercial travel was ceased, however the airport facilitated cargo, emergency and repatriation flights.

A comprehensive C-19 Prevention and Mitigation plan was established and prompted for execution by the internal Task Force, with guidance by the SXM Airport's Managing Board. The efforts work cohesively with the readiness for an influx of travelers in preparation to resume the air transport services, when deemed most safe and secure. With the goal to maintain frequency of service to key markets SXM Airport intends to rely on its short and long-haul carriers to drive growth to the region.

The C-19 plan is governed by the "precautionary principle" to minimize the risk of infection and act as if you and those around you are infected with the untimely virus.

The PJIAE C-19 Prevention and Mitigation plan also serves to protect the livelihoods of the airport community, acknowledging detailed guidelines through virtual and live orientation trainings for high and low risk exposure internal groups. The ongoing trainings are entitled "COVID-19 Safety at the Workplace -Training for the Airport Community" and are facilitated by the Task Force.

In accordance with the plan, the "Don't pass it on" hygiene campaign has also been launched at the airport, emphasizing through noticeable signage that everyone should wash their hands more



frequently. Handwashing stations have also been installed throughout the terminal building to further endorse the campaign.

PJIAE installed more than forty (40) plexiglass shielding screens in areas like the departure gates, check-in counters, Passenger Experience desk, Passport Control counter and the Tourist Information booth to further reduce health risks and provide a safe environment for frontline staff and passengers. The ground handling services has also been regulated to serve the prevention and mitigation measures, as the management of the passenger shuttle busses are required to also demonstrate more frequent cleansing of the airside based public transportation.

"We are offering different levels of protection to fine tune our PJIAE C-19 Prevention and Mitigation measures, thermal temperature screening, mandatory mask regulations and the installation of additional hand sanitizers are just a few of our newly implemented measures. We also have a more regiment cleaning program for all common-use areas," the Chairman of the SXM Airport Task Force, Connally Connor pointed out during an internal interview.

Stringent safety policies further impose that all frontline employees have been provided with either two (2) types of protective masks; respiratory and surgical. The FFP2 respiratory masks will offer an advanced level of protection due to direct contact with travelers. Meanwhile, the surgical masks should effectively minimize the transmitting of probable droplets. The regulation correlates with the suitable Protective Personal Equipment (PPE) for the airport community, admonishing the mandatory use of eye protec-

tion.

Task Force Chairman Connally Connor added: "Access into the terminal building will only be granted to the traveling passengers and the obligated airport staff. We will also intensify the disinfecting methods at high touch point areas to diminish the soiled or contaminated surfaces. The Task Force also ensures there will be disinfectant tablets to purify the air through the ventilation system. Thermal screening for staff and passengers will also go into immediate effect upon the permissible reopening date."

Though the latest outlook by the International Air Transport Association (IATA) forecast the airline industry to lose billions due to the pandemic, the local airport's Operations Management long-established there is steady demand for travel to our diverse destination. Flight schedules have already indicated positive bookings on North American carriers.



# AIRPORT ANNOUNCED TO BE REOPENED ON EMANCIPATION DAY

Minister of Tourism Economic Affairs Transportation and Telecommunications, TEATT, Ludmila de Weever stated that the Country is ready to receive travelers from Europe and North America as of July 1st, which coincided with the celebration of Emancipation Day. The community is encouraged to continue adhering to the proper social distancing and health and safety protocols as well as the established guidelines for businesses in order to maintain a COVID-19 free Sint Maarten.

Minister de Weever released the 'Travel Entry Requirements' to all stakeholders which outlines the safety and health protocols, testing requirements and health screening procedures, among others for visitors arriving at the Princess Juliana International Airport. Sint Maarten is reopened to passengers from Saba, Sint Eustatius, Bonaire,

Curacao, Aruba, Anguilla, St. Barthelemy, Martinique, and Guadeloupe. For these countries, passengers should ensure that they have been consecutively present there for 21 days prior to the date of departure. No quarantine will be required upon arrival to Sint Maarten.

As of June 22, 2020 Sint Maarten opened to St. Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, St. Kitts and Nevis, Dominica and the British Virgin Islands. The 21 day minimum stay will apply to passengers from these islands. No quarantine will be required.

'The Ministry understands the urgent need for increased economic activity on the island but they intend to reopen in a safe and responsible manner for our residents and visitors,' said Minister de Weever.



The Ministry of TEATT is committed to keeping the public informed of the developments surrounding the reopening of our borders. Minister de Weever continues to meet with the relevant stakeholders in the interim.



#### PHASE 1 PHASE 2 PHASE 3 PHASE 4 June 15th July 1st June 22nd August 1st United States of America Saba, Sint Eustatius, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, Canada & Europe Bonaire, Curacao, Aruba, Antigua and Barbuda, Anguilla, St.Barthelemy, British Virgin Islands and Dominica Martinique, Guadeloupe DISCLAIMER: SUBJECT TO CHANGE Disclaimer: St. Maarten will continuously review the countries we re-open to based on recommendations from the Ministry of

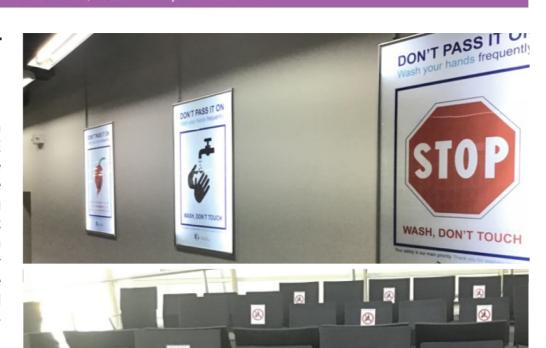
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### SANITIZING PROCESS AT AIRPORT COMPLETED AND IN PLACE

Airport authorities of the Princess Juliana International Airport Operating Company (PJIAE N.V.) have ensured that the facilities were thoroughly sanitized prior to the reopening of the commercial flights. The Cleaning and Disinfecting protocol is implemented to combat the outbreak of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), whereby a repetitive disinfecting procedure is in place for both the interior and exterior surfaces of the public buildings. Both the Terminal and the Fixed Based Operations (FBO) buildings were meticulously sanitized.

Multiple layers of protection have been added to further safeguard passengers throughout their journey; requiring obligatory facial coverings, restricting access to non-passengers, installation of the infrared thermal scanner, employee and stakeholder training programs and the enhancement of the cleaning protocols. Furthermore, the air in the building is routinely purified and disinfects the Terminal via the AC cooling system. Disinfectant tablets are used to decontaminate the air through the ventilation system. The cleaning program is run periodically throughout the day.

According to the Management Board of PJIAE N.V. the sanitizing of the buildings is in direct line with the comprehensive Prevention and Mitigation plan, which features all the measures and guidelines that are currently in effect at the aerodrome.



An official assessment report further declared that there was non-use of harsh chemicals and later determined the buildings were deemed safe for all public travel services.

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Due to the global (COVID-19) pandemic, the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) took charge on behalf of the Government of Sint Maarten, implementing travel restrictions. A non-flight service for all commercial travel was also issued. Since then, the cargo, emergency, and repatriation flights were predominantly operated from the FBO building. The strategic disinfecting methods also correlates with the resumption of

the full operations on August 1, 2020, as officially announced by the Ministry of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Telecommunication and Transport (TEATT).

The COVID-19 pandemic is having a huge impact on aviation and the air travel industry, therefore the public health requirements for all passengers and airlines are of high priority for the organization. With the assistance from the dedicated frontline staff and associated teams, the organization intends to regain the confidence of safe travel and first-class service at the award-winning hub airport.



- Please wear your mask at all times
- Adhere to social distancing
- Sanitize your hands often
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Go through airport thermal scanners
- Show Immigration your PCR COVID-19 Negative test and copy of your health declaration form





- Get to know the guidelines and protocols of your lodging facility and activity providers
- Wear your face mask and avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Wash hands frequently
- Avoid touching surfaces as much as possible
- Apply physical distancing
- If feeling unwell please contact your Hotel's Front Desk or Dial the Hotline 914









- Fill in the Health Declaration Form
- Purchase your Travel Insurance
- Have a Certified Negative PCR COVID-19
   Test Result no older than 72 hours
- Travel with your mask and hand sanitizer





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# WINAIR DISCONTINUES FLIGHTS TO ARUBA AND CURACAO

Winair informed travelers that as of July 14, 2020, their services to Curacao and Aruba were discontinued.

According to the carrier, the effects of COVID-19 continue to cause negative consequences on the regional population. Winair said they can no longer support flights to Aruba / Curacao due to extremely low load factors on their aircraft.

Winair said they would continue to move forward in the region cognizant of the uncertainty in the historic markets remains a challenge. However, they also expressed the fact that they would continue to serve Saba, Statia, St. Barths and Antiqua from their hub in St. Maarten.

Winair also assured that they remained committed to working within the region to re-establish reliable, safe and consistent service. The carrier also thanked their customers for their confidence and patronage and said to be looking forward to serving them in the future.

## JULY 18, SET FOR REPATRIATION FLIGHT ORGANIZED TO BRING STUDENTS AND RESIDENTS HOME

In collaboration with the Department of Foreign Relations (DBB), the Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth, and Sport (ECYS), and the Ministry of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Traffic and Telecommunication (TEATT), a repatriation flight has been arranged with Spirit Airlines for students and residents to return to St. Maarten. The flight will depart from Hollywood International Airport (FLL) in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, and proceed to Princess Juliana International Airport (SXM).

Students and residents who have already registered via the DBB, ECYS and TEATT, have been forwarded to Spirit Airlines. Spirit Airlines will make the flight available for online booking via spirit.com as of 3:00 PM today.

SPIRIT AIRLINES FIGHT NUMBER: NK#6221

Saturday, July 18, 2020 Departure Time: 10:30 AM Arrival Time: 1:00 PM

Arriving passengers are required to fill in the heath declaration form on stmaartenentry.com and will have to quarantine for 14 days at home, per the requirements of the Department of Collective Prevention Services.

This flight is also an opportunity for U.S. citizens to return to the U.S. The flight will depart Princess Juliana International Airport (SXM) at 2:30 PM for Hollywood International

Airport (FLL) in Ft. Lauderdale.

The Ministry of TEATT continues to collaborate in order to arrange the possibility for a repatriation flight from the Dominican Republic. More

Repatriation
Flight
to Sint Maarten

STUDENTS AND RESIDENTS IN THE USA

SPIRIT AIRLINES FLIGHT #NK6221
SATURDAY
JULY 18, 2020

DEPARTING FROM FORT LAUDERDALE (FLL) AT 10:30AM
ARRIVING IN SINT MAARTEN (SXM) AT 1:00PM

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ALL PERSONS ON THIS FLIGHT ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE
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information will be forthcoming once the plans have been finalized. For updates and the latest information, visit the Ministry of TEATT's Facebook page: Ministry of TEATT SXM, and monitor our website stmaartenupdates.com.

