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Prime Minister with Management of PJIA Holding and Operating Board of Directors together with PMU, contractors, and project team after the informative tour. Photo courtesy of Edschola Maduro of PMU

#### PRIME MINISTER TOURS PJIAE N.V. RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

"AIRPORT OF THE FUTURE" LOADING

The Honorable Prime Minister and Minister of General Affairs, Silveria Jacobs participated in an invited tour which further apprised her of an update on the Airport Terminal Reconstruction Project on August 2, 2022. Spearheading the walkthrough tour of the terminal building were members of the PJIAE N.V. Management Board, CEO, Brian Mingo, CFO, Ben van der Klift and the Project Management Unit (PMU).

The Prime Minister was guided through the former Check-In, Arrival, and Departure Halls of the airport to gain more insight into the

themed "Airport of the Future" project. The Management Board also gave a clear timeline of the reconstruction project. "I was happy to see some development despite the challenges faced with adapting to some night work due to the excessive noise. It's good to see the interior taking shape, seeing the material on the ground is ready for installation. I'm looking forward to the official update and progress report. However, getting first-hand look from time to time, is always more comprehensive than a written report." said Prime Minister lacobs of the construction.

According to the CEO, Brian Mingo, "It is significant to note that the Honorable Prime Minister has always prioritized the Airport Terminal Reconstruction Project and today's tour was no different as she took a hands-on approach to view the construction site first-hand. Our team will continue to be transparent with the phased-plan project and deliver the much anticipated "Airport of the Future".

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The Honorable Prime Minister and Minister of General Affairs, Silveria Jacobs tour the reconstruction project

# PJIAE N.V. AWARDS CONTRACTS FOR SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT FOR ST. MAARTEN AIRPORT TERMINAL RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Three (3) suppliers were awarded contracts for supply and installation of equipment for the St. Maarten Airport Terminal Reconstruction Project. The global experts are proficient with passenger boarding bridges,

baggage handling systems and security screening equipment.

The St. Maarten Airport Terminal Reconstruction Project encompasses eight (8) Equipment Packages to be procured with a mix of one (1) Works Package and seven (7) Goods Packages. The first of which was the Main Works contract which has since commenced at the Princess Juliana International Airport.

This is followed by the three (3) critical Equipment Packages for the supply and installation of the passenger boarding bridges, the baggage handling system and security screening equipment.

The awarded supplier for the passenger boarding bridges is the Shenzhen CIMC-Tianda Airport Support Ltd. and CIMC Tianda



Netherlands Cooperatief U.A. (Chinese and Dutch joint venture).

For the baggage handling system, the awarded supplier is the Glidepath Ltd. (New Zealand), a subsidiary of Alstef Group. Meanwhile, the bid for the security screening equipment was awarded to Sectus Technologies (Canada).

The selected companies presented clear proposals, detailing their respective plans for delivering the supply and installation of major equipment to schedule, quality and cost.

"Though we remain cautious while still on the 'tail-end' of a pandemic, which has significantly affected global supply chains, we are pleased to have now signed and commenced separate contracts with suppliers that are well established in the provisioning of airport solutions" said Mr. Brian Mingo, the CEO of the PIIAE N.V.

"With manufacturing schedules of more than eight months each, these are three crucial project milestones within the reconstruction. With Main Works well underway, we are now aligning the supply and installation of major equipment required for the overall completion of the project. This is an intricate and involved process starting with the Equipment Packages having the longest lead times" said Mr. Mirto Breell, the Project Director for PJIAE N.V.





#### SXM AIRPORT QUIZ:

What is the execution period of the Airport Terminal Reconstruction Period?

Answer: The anticipated execution period is twenty-two (22) months.



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we apologize for the inconveniences caused, as we continue to rebuild the "Airport of the Future".

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#### PJIAE N.V. STAFF AWARDED AT TECHNICAL DIVISION INTRODUCTORY MEETING

"VISION FOR THE DIVISION" TEAM BUILDING SESSION

The Director's Choice award was bestowed upon three (3) employees of the Technical Division of the Princess Juliana International Airport Operating Company (PJIAE N.V.). Recipients of the Director's Choice awards included Technician. Mr. Carty Philip, Administrative Assistant, Ms. Cheryl Berkel and Manager, Mr. Justin Joe. All parties were considered as exceptional staff of the Electrical Maintenance and Facility Maintenance Departments (EMD and FMD). The honorees were awarded during an unannounced ceremony on June 1, 2022, at the Simpson Bay Resort, during the close of a team building session entitled, "Vision for the Division".

Mr. Anastacio Baker orchestrated the team building and award ceremony as a part of an introductory meeting for his inception into the division. Reemphasizing the phrase, "I See You", he announced that he had been paying keen attention to their dedication and diligence to their jobs at the airport.

Mr. Baker originally began working at the PJIAE N.V. in 2004 and in 2007, became the Manager of the Quality Assurance Department. After thirteen (13) years of service, he moved on to pursue other endeavors.

"It was time to return home to my airport family as the Director of the Technical Division. It is a bonus to award the employees for their exemplary work and encourage the entire team through our "Vision for the Division" team building session. We must go back to the foundation where we all push together. The division must develop a military mentality, whereby we exude the power of being one, through fraternity, love for one another and solidarity.," summarized Anastacio Baker.



ւ-թ։ Manager of EMD, Mr. Denniccio Boasman, Technician, Mr. Carty Philip, Administrative Assistant, Ms. Cheryl Berkel and Manager, Mr. Justin Joe with Mr. Anastacio Baker during the Techinical Division Introductory Meeting.

#### PJIAE N.V. AND WICSU/PSU REACH AGREEMENT ON APPLICATION OF COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT PERCENTAGES ON SALARIES

On August 3rd , 2022, the Princess Juliana International Airport Operating Company (PJIAE N.V.) and Windward Island Civil Servants Union (WICSU/PSU) reached an agreement on the application of Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) percentages on salaries for the period 2018-2020 and the settlement payments due, based on the applied adjustments.

PJIAE N.V. and WICSU/PSU concluded a long and at times contentious negotiation process, with an agreement serving the interest of both the workers represented by WICSU/PSU and the organization. This lengthy process involved hard and dedicated work of those who are deemed instrumental to this positive conclusion. The PJIAE N.V. Management and support team, in collaboration with the WISCU/PSU team worked tirelessly for several months.

At the close of the negotiations, the President of WICSU/PSU, Ms. Sharon Cangieter extended words of appreciation to the PJIAE N.V. team, having faced difficult negoti-



Princess Juliana International Airport Operating Company (PJIAE N.V.) and Windward Island Civil Servants Union (WICSU/PSU) signing ceremony.

ations, for its changed approach and willingness to work towards a solution of a long overdue matter.

Ms. Cangieter was quoted saying: "It is in the interest of the workers and the organization for a continuous interaction with the union. It should not be that parties only interact when there are disputes."

Chief Executive Officer of PJIAE N.V., Mr. Brian Mingo concurred with this sentiment and expressed the viewpoint of management with the words: "Our employees are our biggest asset and through the diffi-

cult times faced, they worked hard even when we were not able to compensate such hard work and dedication. The growth of the entire organization will go hand in hand with a brighter future foreseen."

On behalf of the workers represented, PJIAE N.V. and WISCU/PSU, were elated to close this chapter and pledged to continue close and recurring communications in support of the rebuilding of – and the further development of the "Airport of the Future".

#### THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OF THE 2022 PJIAE N.V. EMPLOYEE FAMILY FUN DAY



PJIAE N.V. held its "Employee Family Fun Day" on Sunday, August 21, 2022. It was a day of laughing eating and having fun together.

The Family Fun Day Committee would like to thank everyone who attended this year's event. We would also like to extend a word of appreciation to the sponsors for supporting the event.



