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Attention: Affected Parties of Mango Airlines SOC Limited

SUSPENSION OF AIR SERVICES LICENCES ISSUED TO MANGO AIRLINES SOC LIMITED BY THE AIR SERVICES LICENSING COUNCIL IN TERMS OF SECTION 20(1)(b) OF THE AIR SERVICES LICENSING ACT NO.115 OF 1990

1. We refer to the recent media coverage regarding the suspension of Mango Airlines SOC Limited (“**Mango**”)’s two air services licenses (“**the Licenses**”) by the Air Services Licensing Council (“**the Council**”) in accordance with the provisions of Section 20(1)(b) of the Air Services Licensing Act No.115 of 1990 (“**the Act**”).
2. We confirm receipt of the letter from Council, attached hereto as **Annexure A**, on Friday 5 August 2022, whereby the Council suspended Mango’s Licenses with immediate effect for the maximum allowable period of 2 (two) years.
3. The reason for the suspension is that Mango has not complied with the conditions prescribed in Section 19 of the Act which requires that Mango’s air service “*shall not be interrupted for a period exceeding 12 months*”. As you know, Mango has not operated a commercial flight since 26 July 2021 and was placed in business rescue on 28 July 2021, thereby falling short of the requirements of Section 19.
4. Whilst our initial reaction to the news was that of shock, we have subsequently clarified with our regulatory experts, and also telephonically confirmed same with the Department of Transport, that the suspension simply means that Mango may not resume operations until it can demonstrate to the Council that it is in a position to meet the conditions of the Licenses.
5. To this extent, it is expected that the conclusion of the current investor process will place Mango in good stead to be able to meet the conditions of the Licenses. Accordingly, on conclusion of the said process, Mango will submit an application to the Council for the amendment of the Licenses, in terms of Section 14 of the Act. On approval of such an application, the suspension will be lifted.
6. Whilst the Council has given Mango a period of 24 months to address the non-compliance, it is anticipated that Mango will be able to demonstrate compliance far earlier than the 24 months.

Yours sincerely

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Mango Airlines SOC Limited (in business rescue)