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### **PRESS RELEASE: AIRPORT MASTER PLAN 2022-2041**

The Government of Anguilla, through the Ministry of Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing and Tourism announces the release of the Clayton J Lloyd International Airport Master Plan 2022-2041.

The origins of this Airport Master Plan (AMP) are rooted in a joint press release dated 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2021, where Her Excellency Dileeni Daniel- Selvaratnam and the Honorable Premier Dr. Ellis Lorenzo Webster announced plans to develop the Aviation Master Plan, now the Airport Master Plan. The Airport Master Plan seeks to address the aging, inadequate Airport Terminal Building and restrictive runway configuration. This initiative is an effort to build economic stability through the Anguilla Economic Resilience Programme (AERP). This was initiated through an exchange of letters dated May 27<sup>th</sup> 2021 and May 28<sup>th</sup> 2021 between Mr. Ben Merrick (then Director Overseas Territories, FCDO) and The Honorable Premier respectively.

The immediate implementation and completion of the Airport Master Plan signals a new phase in Anguilla's aviation development, with the primary purpose to establish a rational and phased development concept for the Clayton J. Lloyd International Airport (CJLIA). The Government of Anguilla acknowledges that the airport is a strategic and critical national asset. Its development will be the key driver for countrywide economic growth as the Airport Master Plan speaks to the economic feasibility of development, linking traffic forecasts to future airport infrastructure requirements, and it is now a formal requirement for the aerodrome certificate holder to maintain a Master Plan.

The Hon Minister of Infrastructure, Mr. Haydn Hughes thanks the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office of the United Kingdom Government for supporting this critical development for Anguilla. He stated that - "this master plan clearly identifies the opportunities and constraints associated with the existing airport infrastructure, where it currently does not meet regulatory, health & safety and level of service standards. Additionally, it provides future air services activity forecasts, linked to tourism growth, to support the case for future airport development. Furthermore, it explores a sustainable approach, with phased future development opportunities, identifying the associated impacts on future land use and the environment. Lastly, the approach being taken will identify and quantify capital and operating costs associated with the implementation of any proposed phased airport infrastructure upgrades."

The Airport Master Plan recommends the following:

- Short term (phase 1) 0-5 years
- Medium term (Phase 2) 6 – 10 years
- Long term (phase 3) 11 – 20 years.

The Airport Terminal Building has been identified as a critical component for immediate development as passenger numbers have grown significantly and there is additional forecast growth. In addition to the capacity inadequacies of the Airport Terminal Building, the health and safety standards for employees and stakeholders operating at the airport are a critical concern. There is also a need for short-term solutions to address matters of national security along with safety and regulatory compliance issues associated with the current facility.

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