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of Transportation

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Mr. John R. Mietus, Jr.
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RE: Docket DOT-OST-2020-0098

Joint application of Miami Air International Inc. (Chapter 7 Debtor) and Miami Air International Inc. (Delaware corporation) for transfer of certificate authority under 49 U.S.C. § 41105

Dear Mr. Mietus:

We have reviewed the supplemental information that Miami Air International, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“Miami Air”) submitted for transfer to it the certificates of public convenience and necessity for interstate and foreign charter air transportation issued to Miami Air International, Inc., a Florida corporation and Chapter 7 Debtor, by and through its Bankruptcy Trustee (“MAFL”) by Orders 91-10-50, 91-9-42, and 91-8-53.

This review has revealed the need for additional and/or clarifying information before we can complete processing of Miami Air’s application. The attached Information Request lists the areas where further and/or clarification information is necessary. I ask that you respond fully to this request within 30 days of the date of this letter. You may upload your response via the web at www.regulations.gov, or you may mail your response to U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, West Building, Ground Floor, (M-30, Room W12-140), 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20590. In either case, your response should be filed in Docket DOT-OST-2020-0098.

As is the Department’s practice, further processing of Miami Air’s application will be deferred pending receipt of this material. In addition, please remember that Miami Air should promptly provide the Department with any information regarding changes it may undergo in areas affecting its fitness (*i.e.*, management, operating plans or financial condition, compliance disposition, or ownership) while its application is under review by the Department.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions regarding this letter or the requested information, please feel free to contact my staff Jerish Varghese at 202-366-1047 or by email at jerish.varghese@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

Lauralyn J. Remo
Associate Director, Air Carrier Fitness Division
Office of Aviation Analysis

cc: Docket DOT-OST-2020-0098

Stanley R. Crum
Principal Operations Inspector, FAA

MIAMI AIR INTERNATIONAL, INC.
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

GENERAL

1. In response to question 11 of our information request, Miami Air provided a copy of the aircraft lease agreement. However, we are unable to determine who the lessee is on the contract and its relationship with Miami Air. In this regard, we ask that you describe the relationship, if any, oral and written, between the applicant and the lessee on the aircraft lease agreement, and any information on the lessee's primary business and ownership.
2. In response to question 10 of our information request, Miami Air submitted copy of a check dated June 26, 2020, issued by Mr. Romero to Miami Air from his City National Bank account for \$3.8 million (Exhibit 15) towards its initial deposit in Synovus Bank. However, the third-party verification from City National Bank of the funds available to Mr. Romero submitted with the application is also dated June 26, 2020. Please advise if Mr. Romero continues to hold \$4.5 million in personal funds that he has committed towards the start-up operations of Miami Air. If so, please provide a more recent third-party verification of funds available to Mr. Romero to support such operations.

The information provided pursuant to this Information Request should be accompanied by the following certification:

The contents of this application and the attached exhibit (s) are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Pursuant to Title 18 United States Code Section 1001, I [*the individual signing the application, who shall be a principal owner, senior officer, or internal counsel of the applicant*], in my individual capacity and as the authorized representative of the applicant, have not in any manner knowingly and willfully falsified, concealed or failed to disclose any material fact or made any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or knowingly used any documents which contain such statements in connection with the preparation, filing or prosecution of the application. I understand that an individual who is found to have violated the provisions of 18 U.S.C section 1001 shall be fined or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.