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August 7, 2020

## BY ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mr. Jerish Varghese Air Carrier Fitness Division Office of International Aviation U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

Re: Miami Air International, Inc., Docket OST-2020-0098

Dear Mr. Varghese:

By letter dated August 7, 2020 you requested further information relating to the proposed transferee, Miami Air International, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Miami Air"), in the above-captioned application. The responses of Miami Air follow:

#### **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.

Attached is a replacement <u>Confidential Exhibit D</u>, an aircraft lease from Odyssey Leasing III, Inc. (Miami Air's July 31 response included a typographic error in which elements of that name were reordered) to the applicant, Miami Air International, Inc.

The original lease negotiations were documented with the expectation that another entity, also owned by Mr. Tomas Romero and currently dormant, would be the lessee and applicant. Mr. Romero later chose the current entity, Miami Air International, Inc., to be the applicant, and it signed a lease with the lessor

identifying the applicant as the correct lessee. Thus, the original Confidential Exhibit D may be returned or destroyed.

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.

An updated letter from City National Bank is attached as **Exhibit 17**.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Mietus, Jr.

Counsel for Miami Air International, Inc.

Exhibits (numbering continued from original application):

17: Updated City National Letter

18: Certification

<u>Confidential Exhibits (filed under seal with a motion for confidential treatment):</u>

D (replacement): Aircraft lease to Miami Air International, Inc.



August 7th, 2020

RE:

**Tomas Emilio Romero** 

Account number \*\*\*\*4235 Date open: June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014

To whom it may concern,

Please be advised that Mr. Tomas Romero has been a client of our financial institution since 2013. During this time, he has maintained several account relationships with our Bank. All accounts have been handled in an excellent and professional manner.

Currently the account balances in the above referenced account is:

\$4,587,270.63 USD

Should you have any questions regarding the aforementioned, please feel free to contact me directly at 954.261.1139.

Sincerely,

Hugo Carreno

First Vice-President

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Commercial Banking Officer

### CERTIFICATION

The contents of the attached submission and exhibits are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Pursuant to Title 18 United States Code Section 1001, I, 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.

MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIR, INC.

By: ARMAND MARTINEZ

Its: PRESIDENT

Date: 08-07-2020

# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this letter was served by email this 7th day of August, 2020, on the following persons:

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John R. Mietus, Jr.