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## **COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT**

## Malta International Airport plc (the "Company")

## **Traffic Results - April 2017**

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Reference 252/2017

In terms of Chapter 5 of the Listing Rules

Last month's passenger movements registered an increase of 26.6%, surpassing the half a million mark for the first time in April. Malta International Airport welcomed a total of 530,576 passengers, on the back of an increase of 17.7% in seat capacity and an improvement of 5.3 percentage points in seat load factor (SLF).

April's strong performance partly stemmed from the Easter holiday effect, together with the start of new operations and the extension of certain winter routes into the summer period. The Cruise & Fly programme, which was launched at the beginning of last month, was an important contributing factor to the growth registered by both the United Kingdom and Germany.

The United Kingdom retained its top spot among MIA's top five markets, followed by Italy, Germany, France, and Belgium. Italy's growth was mainly generated on the Catania route, following increased flight frequencies to this destination. Meanwhile, enhanced seat capacity deployed on the Paris route and the launch of the new Bordeaux route in mid-April contributed to increased passenger numbers from France. Belgium was the market that registered the strongest growth, resulting from enhanced connectivity to Brussels.

While an average of 17,600 passengers passed through the airport every day, this figure spiked on the 13th of April, 23,400 passengers were welcomed at the terminal on the day, making it the busiest one of the year so far.

Signed:

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Note

Some changes in data collection have come into effect as from January 2017, with the numbers reported being marginally different to those reported in previous years. This, however, does not have a material impact on our reported results. If further details are required, kindly contact the Marketing & Brand Development team via communications@maltairport.com.

## About Malta International Airport

Malta International Airport is the only airport serving the Maltese Islands, connecting the tiny island state to more than 80 destinations in Europe, North Africa and the Middle East, through over 30 partner airlines. With 97% of all Malta's tourists flying through it, the airport handles more than 5 million passengers and over 15,000 tonnes of freight annually. Since becoming fully operational in 1992, the terminal has received continuous investment and now accommodates more than 20 retail outlets, 14 catering establishments and parking for over 1,500 cars. Malta International Airport owns Skyparks Business Centre, which contains nearly 10,000m² of Malta's hardest working office space and 4,000m² of retail and amenities for the business and local community. The building: ISSECOL CENTIFICATION and has become one of Malta's most sought-after corporate addresses.