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#### COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT

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

# **Traffic Results - October 2016**

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# QUOTE

During Summer, Malta International Airport, registered 3,645,812 passenger movements, which translate into a 6.3% growth, when compared to Summer 2015.

During the summer period — which for the aviation industry stretches from the end of March until the end of October — the airport hosted over 210,000 passengers more than it did during the same period in 2015. These figures mark Malta International Airport's busiest summer yet.

This increase was registered on the back of an upturn of 4.3% in seat capacity and an improved seat load factor (SLF), which climbed up to 85% from 83.3% in summer 2015. Moreover, a rise of 1.4% was also recorded in aircraft movements.

The top five markets for the summer months were the United Kingdom, Italy, Germany, France and Poland. A spike in passenger numbers of 46% put Poland's growth well above that registered by the other four markets. While the UK and Germany both recorded an increase of 3%, the French market grew by 5% and Italy registered a more significant 11%.

"Having closed off summer with these encouraging results, we're optimistic about the upcoming winter season having recently launched our busiest winter schedule ever. With 18 new connections, our eyes are now set on hitting the ambitious 5 million passenger milestone, which would constitute a landmark accomplishment in passenger traffic for our airport." MIA CEO Alan Borg said.



Looking back at October shows that this month grew by 10.4% over 2015 to host over half a million passengers for the first time ever.

October's list of top drivers of traffic largely reflected the one for the summer months, with the United Kingdom (4%) holding to its top spot, followed by Italy (23%), Germany (18%), France (5%), and Switzerland (25%). The varying rates of growth for these markets in October stemmed from the launch of a number of new routes, enhanced operations to destinations such as Zurich, and a better seat load factor (SLF) on flights to Amsterdam and Turkey. Moreover, an improvement of 2.5 percentage points brought October's seat load factor up to 86%.

UNQUOTE Signed Louis de Gabriele **COMPANY SECRETARY** 

#### **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 34 airlines. It has the second most international connections among 180 European and Mediterranean airports in its class. The airport handles more than 4 million passengers and over 16,000 tonnes of freight annually. Since becoming fully operational in 1992, the airport has grown to accommodate more than 30 retail outlets and 14 catering establishments, and has helped position Malta as a key aviation industry player. The airport's terminal is spread across 74,000 square metres and accommodates parking for 1,500 cars. Malta International Airport also owns Skyparks, a business centre containing 9,000 square metres of office space, eco-certified by BREEAM.

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