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### COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT

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

# **Traffic Results - November 2016**

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### QUOTE

The winter season at Malta International Airport, opened with November registering a growth of 22% over the same month last year.

This is the highest monthly increase for 2016, and displaces the 19% growth recorded earlier in March.

This growth in passenger movements was recorded in parallel with an upturn of 17% in aircraft movements and an increased seat capacity of 21.3%. This increase partly stemmed from the airport's enhanced winter schedule, offering no less than 18 new connections for the season.

Airlines were also more efficient in filling up the available seats, with November having registered a seat load factor (SLF) of 82.4%. In absolute terms, the airport gained more than 63,000 passengers over the same month last year.

The airport's top five markets all grew by varying degrees and featured a newcomer. Belgium made an appearance in this list for the first time, following increased connectivity to Brussels.

Outside of the top five markets, and in line with the airport's strategy to recoup traffic from the Iberian Peninsula, Spain continued to grow at an impressive rate. The Spanish market's 87% upturn resulted from the introduction of a twice-weekly flight to Valencia, increased operations to both Madrid and Barcelona, and Girona's extension into the winter period.

November's results further enhance Malta International Airport's optimism for the winter period, as the airport focuses on welcoming 5 million passengers before the year is through.

#### UNQUOTE

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#### 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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