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No: 438-EXSU/448/2017/3

*This Environmental Decision Statement is issued for the purpose of communicating the decision regarding the Environmental Impact Assessment for the **Proposed Airport Development Project at Kulhudhuffushi, Haa Dhaalu Atoll**, which was submitted for evaluation on **22nd October 2017** by **Regional Airports**. The consultant of the project is **Dr. Zahid Hameed (EIA P20/2012)***

This Environmental Decision Statement has been issued pursuant to the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2012 (2012/R-27) to advise that the Ministry has decided that the proposed Development Proposal can proceed according to the Environmental Impact Assessment Report.

The decision has been issued on the following conditions:

- 1) Waste, waste oil and excavated material from the wet land area should be transported to R. Vandhoo regional waste management center, K. Thilafushi or to an area designated by the ministry of environment and energy during construction and operational phase
- 2) Project area should be cordoned off from the rest of the wet land area and all available mitigation measures should be taken to reduce the impact to the rest of the wet land area.
- 3) Make all the necessary arrangements to declare and manage a new protect area with similar environmental features, under the guidance of EPA
- 4) Propose an appropriate drainage system to control flood water and for the implementation of the drainage system
- 5) Sheet piles or rock boulders should be used to construct bund walls as stated in the EIA report before commencing the reclamation work.
- 6) Provide excavated depth and methodology for excavation work in the project area before commencement of work.
- 7) Consultation should be carried out with MWSC regarding the water supply and sewer lines before commencement of reclamation work.



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- 8) Consultations should be carried out with the stakeholders regarding the height restriction imposed by aviation regulation and compensation arranged as per government rules and regulations.
- 9) Provide borrow area information with bathymetry, water quality and marine environment before commencement of dredging work.
- 10) Provide estimated volume of fill material required and the volume of fill material available in the borrow areas before commencement of reclamation work.
- 11) Provide alternative borrow areas before commencement of dredging work.
- 12) The Proponent must inform EPA, the date of commencement of the project activities.
- 13) In the event the project activity has not commenced within one (1) year from the date of issue, or if the duration of this Environmental Decision Statement has not been extended, this Environmental Decision Statement shall be considered null and void. In order to extend the duration of this Environmental Decision Statement, the Proponent shall write to the Minister for an extension according to Clause 14 of the 2nd Amendment to the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2012.
- 14) In the event the project activities has been delayed for more than one (1) year due to unforeseen circumstances, the Ministry shall have the discretion to extend the duration of the Environmental Decision Statement, or to terminate it. In such circumstances the proponent shall write to the Minister for an extension clearly stating out the reasons for the delay.
- 15) The Minister, or his designate, may issue a cessation order requiring persons working on a Development Proposal to cease working until the order is withdrawn, if:
 - a. This Environmental Decision Statement has been withdrawn or;
 - b. There has been a breach of the conditions of this Environmental Decision Statement.
- 16) It is the Developer's responsibility to undertake all project activities in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations of the Maldives.
- 17) The Developer shall submit environmental monitoring report as outlined in Paragraph viii of this Environmental Decision Statement. Failure to submit the requisite monitoring report may result in the suspension or revocation of the permit under this Decision Statement.
- 18) The Developer is aware that under the National Environment Protection Act (Law no. 4/93) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations the Ministry reserves





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- 22) The Developer is aware that under the National Environment Protection Act (Law no. 4/93) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations the Ministry reserves the right to terminate any activity without compensation if found that such an activity has caused significant, irreversible impacts on the environment.
- 23) All mitigation measures proposed in the EIA report for all the phases of the project shall be fully implemented.
- 24) The environmental monitoring program outlined in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report shall be undertaken and implemented and summary environmental monitoring reports shall be submitted to the Ministry.
- 25) The date of expiry stated in this Environmental Decision Statement is the duration given to commence the project activities approved under this Environmental Decision Statement.
- 26) Once the project activities have started, the Proponent must inform the Environmental Protection Agency, the date of commencement of project activities.

Date of Issue: 26th October 2017
Date of expiry: 26th October 2018

Thorig Ibrahim
Minister of Environment and Energy

