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OFFICE OF THE CONTRACTOR-GENERAL COMMENCES ENQUIRY INTO ALLEGED AMERICAN AIRLINES AIR-LIFT DEAL – ISSUES FORMAL REQUISITION TO MINISTRY OF TOURISM TO PRODUCE FULL PARTICULARS OF AGREEMENT

Kingston, September 8, 2008 – The Office of the Contractor General (OCG) has written to the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Tourism, Mrs. Jennifer Griffith, to provide it with full particulars regarding an air-lift guarantee agreement which was reportedly entered into between American Airlines and the Government of Jamaica with financing being provided from the Tourism Enhancement Fund (TEF).

The OCG Requisition was issued under the powers which are vested in the Contractor General by the Contractor General Act.

The Requisition, which was dated September 5, 2008, was copied to the Minister of Tourism, the Hon. Edmund Bartlett, the Chairman of TEF, Mr. Godfrey Dyer, the Executive Director of TEF, Mr. Ian Neita and the Cabinet Secretary, Ambassador Douglas Saunders.

Among the particulars which have been requisitioned by the OCG are an Executive Summary outlining the genesis and nature of the alleged agreement, the manner in which the agreement was negotiated, the manner in which it was procured, the names and titles of all the actors who were involved in the negotiation and procurement processes and the varying approvals which were received to facilitate the conclusion of the agreement.



The OCG has also requisitioned:

1. Copies of all Cabinet Submissions and Decisions regarding the matter;
2. Copies of all National Contracts Commission (NCC) and Cabinet approvals regarding the matter;
3. Copies of all correspondence between American Airlines and the Government regarding the matter;
4. Copies of all TEF Board Meeting Minutes regarding the matter;
5. A copy of the alleged contract and/or agreement which has been reached between American Airlines and the Government.

The Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Tourism is required to furnish to the OCG all of the requisitioned particulars by 4.00PM on September 19, 2008. The Permanent Secretary is the Accounting Officer for the Ministry of Tourism and the Tourism Enhancement Fund (TEF).

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