



To: ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL CRIMES COMMISSION 310/302 Institutions and Research District, Opposite the National Open University Jabi, Abuja, Federal Capital Territory Nigeria

Copy: JEM LEASING LIMITED

Address: PO Box 1093, Queensgate House, George Town, Grand Cayman, KY1-1102, Cayman Islands
Fax: +1 345 945 7100
Attention: The Directors

Copy: ARIK AIR LIMITED (Arik)

 c/o BLUE MARBLE AVIATION LIMITED
 Address: 2 Patent House, 48 Morris Road, London E14 6NU, England and Floor 4, Landmark House, Hammersmith Bridge Road, Hammersmith, London W6 9EJ, England
 Fax: + 44 20 8735 6249
 Attention: Oliver Mayes / Garry Ramsden

and

ARIK AIR AVIATION CENTRE (AAAC) Murtala Muhammed Domestic Airport P.O. Box 10468, Ikeja Lagos, Nigeria Fax: +234(0)12799391/2 Attention: Jia Arumemi – Johnson, Chairman

- Copy: Mr Kamilu OMOKIDE (the Receiver) c/o ARIK AIR LIMITED Arik Air Aviation Centre, Murtala Muhammed Domestic Airport, Ikeja, Lagos, Nigeria
- Copy: Mr. Aminu Ismail Executive Director Asset Management Corporation of Nigeria By e-mail : <u>Aminu.ismail@amcon.com.ng</u>

Copy: ALBERTA AVIATION CAPITAL CORP. 5434 11th St NE, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2E 7E9 Attention: Contracts Administrator E-mail: <u>leasing@aacapitalcorporation.com</u>

14 June 2023



One CRJ1000 aircraft with manufacturer's serial number 19037, with its two General Electric model CF34 engines having, respectively, engine serial numbers 195273 and 195276 (the **Aircraft**)

- 1 We write on behalf of EXPORT DEVELOPMENT CANADA (**EDC**). EDC is a Crown Corporation, wholly owned by the Government of Canada.
- 2 We refer to the Aircraft, which is owned by JEM LEASING LIMITED (the **Owner**). EDC financed in part the Owner's acquisition of the Aircraft. As a condition to that financing, the Aircraft was mortgaged to EDC. The Aircraft remains mortgaged to EDC.
- 3 We attach at Annex 1 a letter (the **Owner's Letter**) from the Owner. We confirm the veracity of the statements set out in the Owner's Letter, including that the Owner has entered into an agreement with ALBERTA AVIATION CAPITAL CORP. (the **Buyer**) to sell the Aircraft to the Buyer. That agreement was entered into with the consent and at the request of EDC.
- 4 We understand that the EFCC may have taken certain steps that prevent the Buyer from having access to the Aircraft.
- 5 We also understand that certain press reports allege that the Owner has dissociated itself from the sale of the Aircraft to the Buyer and the plan to tear down the Aircraft, and called for an investigation into "this asset destruction" and "the claims of Arik Air" in relation to the Aircraft. Such press reports include the following:
 - (a) <u>https://www.ch-aviation.com/portal/news/128321-nigerias-arik-air-in-dispute-with-lessor-over-crj1000</u>
 - (b) <u>https://guardian.ng/business-services/arik-air-lessor-in-fresh-row-over-sale-of-crj-1000-aircraft/</u>
 - (c) <u>https://thetravelport.com.ng/arik-air-jem-leasing-dissociates-self-from-aircraft-tear-down/</u>
- 6 As is clearly shown by the Owner's Letter, these allegations are untrue: the Owner has confirmed that it has agreed to sell the Aircraft to the Buyer, that the Buyer is authorised to tear down the Aircraft, and that ARIK AIR LIMITED (**Arik**) has no interest in the Aircraft.
- 7 As stated in the Owner's Letter, any interference action by Arik, or any other person, which impedes the Buyer's access to the Aircraft, or any of the other steps, matters, processes or transactions outlined in 2(g) and 2(h) of the Owner's Letter, will constitute improper interference with the Owner's (and/or the Buyer's) rights in respect of the Aircraft.
- 8 Any such interference would also constitute improper interference with EDC's rights as mortgagee of the Aircraft.
- 9 We therefore respectfully request that the EFCC does not impede the Buyer's access to the Aircraft or any of the other steps, matters, processes or transactions outlined in 2(g) and 2(h) of the Owner's Letter.

Yours faithfully,

Brian Craig Principal Special Risks

duly authorised signatory for and on behalf of **EXPORT DEVELOPMENT CANADA**



ANNEX 1 OWNER'S LETTER



JEM Leasing Limited PO Box 1093 Queensgate House, South Church Street George Town, Grand Cayman Cayman Islands KY1-1102

To whom it may concern

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5 June 2023

One CRJ1000 aircraft with manufacturer's serial number 19037, with its two General Electric model CF34 engines having, respectively, engine serial numbers 195273 and 195276 (the **Aircraft**)

- 1 We refer to the Aircraft.
- 2 We hereby confirm as follows.
 - (a) The Aircraft is owned by JEM LEASING LIMITED (the **Owner**), as demonstrated by the bill of sale dated 7 July 2014 from Bombardier, the manufacturer of the Aircraft. A copy of such bill of sale is appended to this letter as appendix 1.
 - (b) The Aircraft was leased to ARIK AIR LIMITED (Arik), pursuant to an aircraft lease agreement dated 7 July 2014 between the Owner as lessor and Arik as lessee (such lease agreement, including the lease general terms incorporated therein, being hereafter referred to as the Lease).
 - (c) The acquisition of the Aircraft by the Owner was financed in part by EXPORT DEVELOPMENT CANADA (EDC). Pursuant to that financing, the Aircraft is mortgaged in favour of EDC.
 - (d) There were numerous, substantial and continuing defaults (including non-payment of numerous rental amounts due under the Lease) by Arik in the performance of its obligations under the Lease. The Owner granted extensive periods of grace to Arik in order to give Arik the opportunity to remedy those defaults. The defaults were not remedied and, accordingly, on 20 June 2022 the Owner terminated the leasing of the Aircraft under the Lease, in accordance with the terms of the Lease. A copy of the notice terminating the leasing of the Aircraft under the Lease is appended to this letter as appendix 2.
 - (e) Accordingly, neither Arik nor any person claiming through Arik has any title to, interest in, or right to use or possession of, the Aircraft (or any part of the Aircraft, including its technical records).
 - (f) Pursuant to the termination of the leasing of the Aircraft under the Lease, on 19 July 2022 the Aircraft was de-registered from the registry of the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (the NCAA). A copy of the NCAA de-registration notice evidencing such de-registration (and also evidencing the ownership of the Aircraft by the Owner and the termination of the leasing of the Aircraft to Arik) is appended to this letter as appendix 3.
 - (g) The Owner has agreed to sell the Aircraft to ALBERTA AVIATION CAPITAL CORP. (the Buyer), pursuant to a sale and purchase agreement (the SPA) dated 19 December 2022 between the Owner and the Buyer. The Buyer is a third party unconnected to the Owner, EDC or Arik.
 - (h) In connection with the sale of the Aircraft under the SPA, the Buyer is authorised:
 - (i) to access the Aircraft (and each part of the Aircraft, including its technical records); and
 - (ii) to tear down the Aircraft into constituent parts; and
 - (iii) to remove and transport those parts (including the Aircraft's engines and including its technical records) from their current location.
- 3 Any interference action by Arik, or any other person, which impedes the steps, matters, processes or transactions outlined in 2(g) and 2(h) above will constitute improper interference with the Owner's (and/or the Buyer's) rights in respect of the Aircraft.

Yours faithfully,

Phillip Hinds, Director for and on behalf of JEM LEASING LIMITED APPENDIX 1 BILL OF SALE



BILL OF SALE

FOR VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, BOMBARDIER INC., AS REPRESENTED BY BOMBARDIER AEROSPACE, COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT ("**BOMBARDIER**"), AS OWNER OF THE FULL LEGAL AND BENEFICIAL TITLE OF THE AIRCRAFT DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

ONE (1) BOMBARDIER CRJ1000 SERIES AIRCRAFT BEARING: MANUFACTURER'S SERIAL NO: <u>19037</u> WITH TWO GENERAL ELECTRIC <u>MODEL CF34</u> ENGINES BEARING SERIAL NUMBERS: <u>195273</u> AND <u>195276</u> AND AUXILIARY POWER UNIT NO: P-868

TOGETHER WITH ALL AVIONICS, APPLIANCES, INSTRUMENTS, APPURTENANCES, ACCESSORIES, FURNISHINGS AND/OR OTHER EQUIPMENT OR PROPERTY INCORPORATED IN OR INSTALLED ON OR ATTACHED TO SAID AIRCRAFT AND ENGINES (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "**AIRCRAFT**") DOES THIS TO AY OF THE AY OF TO AY OF THE AY OF TO AY OF THE AY

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(HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "**BUYER**"), AND UNTO ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS FOREVER ALL OF BOMBARDIER'S RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST IN AND TO SUCH AIRCRAFT. BOMBARDIER REPRESENTS AND WARRANTS TO BUYER AND ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS:

- (I) THAT BOMBARDIER HAS FULL LEGAL AND BENEFICIAL TITLE TO THE AIRCRAFT AND THE GOOD AND LAWFUL RIGHT TO THE AIRCRAFT AND THE GOOD AND LAWFUL RIGHT TO SELL THE SAME TO BUYER; AND
- (II) THE FULL LEGAL AND BENEFICIAL TITLE TO THE AIRCRAFT IS HEREBY DULY VESTED IN BUYER, FREE AND CLEAR OF ALL CLAIMS, LIENS, ENCUMBRANCES AND RIGHTS OF OTHERS OF ANY NATURE. BOMBARDIER HEREBY COVENANTS AND AGREES TO DEFEND SUCH TITLE FOREVER AGAINST ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS WHATSOEVER.

THIS BILL OF SALE IS GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO AND THE FEDERAL LAWS OF CANADA APPLICABLE THEREIN.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, BOMBARDIER HAS CAUSED THIS INSTRUMENT TO BE EXECUTED AND DELIVERED BY ITS DULY AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL.

PLACE: MIRABEL, QUEBEC, CANADA

TIME: 16:53 EST

BOMBARDIER INC., AS REPRESENTED BY BOMBARDIER AEROSPACE, COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT

PER

Scott Preece

Manager, Contracts

APPENDIX 2 LEASE TERMINATION NOTICE

To:

ARIK AIR LIMITED (the **Lessee**) Address: c/o BLUE MARBLE AVIATION LIMITED Floor 4, Landmark House, Hammersmith Bridge Road, Hammersmith London W6 9EJ England Fax: +44 20 8735 6249 Attention: Oliver Mayes / Garry Ramsden

From:

JEM LEASING LIMITED (the Lessor)

Copy:

EXPORT DEVELOPMENT CANADA, as security trustee (the **Security Trustee**)

20 June 2022

Dear Sirs,

- 1. We refer to the following documents:
 - (a) the all parties agreement dated 25 June 2014 (as amended and supplemented from time to time, the APA) and made between, amongst others, the Lessor, the Lessee and the Security Trustee in respect of the financing and leasing of certain aircraft and aircraft engines, including the Bombardier CRJ 1000 aircraft (the Aircraft) with manufacturer's serial number 19037, including two General Electric CF34 model aircraft engines bearing manufacturer's serial numbers 195273 and 195276;
 - (b) the Lease General Terms;
 - (c) the aircraft lease agreement dated 7 July 2014 (such lease agreement, including the Lease General Terms incorporated therein, the **Lease**) between the Lessor, as lessor, and the Lessee, as lessee, relating to the Aircraft; and
 - (d) the borrower security assignment (the **Assignment**) between the Lessor, as assignor, and the Security Trustee, as assignee, relating to the Aircraft.
- 2. Terms and expressions defined in this notice have the meanings given to them in the APA (where applicable, by reference to the Aircraft or the Lease).
- 3. Pursuant to clause 11 (*Lease Events of Default*) of the Lease, the Lessor is entitled to treat any Lease Event of Default that has occurred and is continuing as a repudiatory breach by the Lessee of its obligations under the Lease and, amongst other things, by notice to the Lessee to terminate the leasing of the Aircraft under the Lease.
- 4. Numerous Lease Events of Default have occurred and the Lessor is entitled to serve this notice.
- 5. The Lessor, with the consent of the Security Trustee, hereby notifies you that it is hereby terminating the leasing of the Aircraft under the Lease.
- 6. The Lessor hereby expressly reserves all the rights, powers and remedies (whether arising under the Transaction Documents, applicable law and/or otherwise) that the Relevant Parties may have now and/or which may arise subsequently.

- 7. Nothing in this notice (a) constitutes a waiver of any rights or remedies which we have or may have now or subsequently (whether arising under the Transaction Documents, applicable law and/or otherwise) or (b) waives or varies any of the terms of the Transaction Documents.
- 8. The terms of this notice and all non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with it shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law.

for and on behalf of **JEM LEASING LIMITED** Linval Stewart, Director

APPENDIX 3 NCAA NOTICE OF DE-REGISTRATION



NIGERIAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

P. M. B 21029, 21038, Ikeja, Lagos, WEBSITE: www.ncaa.gov.ng Tel: 234-1-4930029, 4963489, Fax: 234-1-4963305

NOTICE OF DE-REGISTRATION

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TO:				
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Aircraft Registration and Civil Aviation Services				
4900 Yonge Street Unit 300				
North York, Ontario				
Canada, M2N 6A5				
Effective: 19 th July, 2022				
This is to confirm the De-registration of Aircraft type CL-600-2E25. Registration				
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Operated by ARIK AIR LIMIED from the Civil Aircraft Register of Nigeria.				
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