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Hot spots at Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International airport

1. Purpose

The purpose of this AIC is to inform all relevant airside stakeholders of hotspot identified at Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International airport and to detail the measures instituted to preserve safety and operational integrity. The hotspot includes the following:

- 1. Hot Spot 1 : observed jet blast hazards in proximity to Taxiway H (on service road behind Stand 13); and
- Hot Spot 2 : observed jet blast hazards in proximity to Taxiway P (airside road crossing TWY P)

2. Operational Observations and mitigation measures

2.1 Hotspot 1 - Taxiway H - Stand 13 Area

It has been observed that Jet blast generated during aircraft taxiing adversely affect the service road situated behind Stand 13, posing potential risks to personnel and ground service vehicles operating in this vicinity.

Mitigation Measures

- Ground staff are to remain vigilant at all times when aircraft are operating in this zone.
- Clear stop lines have been marked to delineate safe zones, ensuring personnel and vehicles maintain an appropriate distance from aircraft operations.

2.2 Hotspot 2 - Taxiway P - airside road Crossing TWY P

During aircraft engine start-up and subsequent taxiing procedures, hazardous jet blast conditions have been noted at the airside road crossing intersecting Taxiway P, compromising safe movement of personnel and vehicles.

Mitigation Measures

- Traffic lights have been installed at SCP04 and the adjoining access road to regulate vehicular movement during aircraft operations.
- Strict protocols require all personnel and ground equipment to maintain a safe distance from aircraft during engine start and taxi movements.

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