



STATEMENT

25 March 2020

Westair Aviation Group: Weathering the storm

“FlyWestair” the schedule operation of Westair Aviation will suspend all flights between Eros, Ondangwa, Eros starting effective 26th of March 2020. The Eros, Oranjemund, Cape Town schedule has already been suspended and will remain so until global restrictions on travel are lifted.

We will continue operating and offering medical evacuation and air ambulance services, cargo flights, mining support services, as well as corporate charters. We will continue to offer tailor made aviation services across the African continent as long as it is necessary and possible. Customers of Westair Aviation can be assured that we have gone above and beyond the recommended industry practices to prevent the spread of COVID -19. Westair has stepped up protocols in line with recommendations from the World Health Organisation (WHO) and all other local Government and Civil Aviation agencies.

The COVID – 19 epidemic has resulted in travel bans across the globe as well as locally, with a negative impact on all aspects of the global economy, but an instant and devastating effect on travel and tourism. As an aviation company that is focused on tourism, corporate charters and scheduled flights, the epidemic with subsequent travel restrictions and the cancellation of all travel and tourism bookings up to June 2020 and beyond, have hit us hard.

Westair is not subsidized by Government and is fully funded by its own resources and operational cash flows. Due to this crisis we have no option but to restructure without delay in order to survive the immediate economic and social impacts. Westair group has commenced with a process of retrenching a portion of our work force. The company is able to retain its foundation which in part includes maintenance personnel, pilots and other supporting staff. The company is also engaging with relevant ministries and stakeholders on how to minimize the far-reaching effect on our society now and in the long run.

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