



GOVERNMENT OF SAINT LUCIA
**Ministry of External Affairs, International Trade,
Civil Aviation and Diaspora Affairs**

*Communication on this subject
should be addressed to:*

The Permanent Secretary

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This letter supersedes previous correspondence in relation to the same subject matter dated October 6, 2023

Dear Mr. Herman,

Re: Request for Endorsement – National Medevac and Search and Rescue Helicopter Services in Saint Lucia

The Ministry of External Affairs, International Trade, Civil Aviation and Diaspora Affairs refers to your letter dated June 19, 2023 addressed to the Honorable Minister, along with subsequent telephone conversation between one of the principals of your establishment and the Chief Aviation Officer regarding the above captioned subject.

The Ministry wishes to officially inform that as a regulatory agency, it has no reservations of the plans to conduct the proposed Medivac, Search and Rescue along with associated services in Saint Lucia subject to same following all applicable legislation in place.

Notwithstanding, the Ministry wishes to inform that, from its perspective, the terminology / idea of "*National Medevac and Search and Rescue Helicopter Service*" along with request for "*endorsement of and approval as National Flag-ship Service*", appears to suggest that it is an undertaking belonging to / associated with the State. As such, financial and operational associated risk along with other operational

considerations, could have implications for the State locally, regionally or internationally.

Further, the following must also be pointed out regarding your submission:

- The first paragraph of the second page of your correspondence refers to request for approval for the National service to the Office of the Hon. Prime Minister, even if the letter is addressed to the Hon Minister of Civil Aviation;
- In the fourth paragraph of the second page of your correspondence, request for approval and endorsement to *“assist the Government in developing local national capacity and in the emergency and disaster preparedness and response decision process”*, would fall under the purview of the Saint Lucia National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO) and or Office of the Prime Minister;
- The Saint Lucia Air and Sea Ports Authority (SLASPA) is required to conduct full scale emergency simulation exercise every two years for each airport. As SLAPSA alternates the process with our two airports to meet international aviation requirements, one is conducted every year. As such, your desire to make formal presentation may serve well by probably trying to have your proposed services incorporated in one of the simulation exercises being conducted by SLASPA.

Should you have any questions or need clarification, do not hesitate to contact the Chief Aviation Officer, Mr. Eustace Cherry at telephone number 468-4519.

Sincerely,



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PERMANENT SECRETARY (Ag.)

Cc: The Honorable Prime Minister, Mr. Phillip J. Pierre
The Honorable Minister of Health, Mr. Moses Jn. Baptiste
Honorable Minister for Civil Aviation, Mr. Alva R. Baptiste
Chief Aviation Officer, Mr. Eustace Cherry