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PRESS RELEASE

CIAA APPOINTS CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER

The Cayman Islands Airports Authority (CIAA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Kerith McCoy as Chief Operations Officer (COO) effective July 1, 2012.

Mr. McCoy, who grew up in Bodden Town, has enjoyed a distinguished 36-year career in the local airport industry and is currently the longest-serving member of the CIAA's Team. He joined the Authority in 1976 as a Trainee Air Traffic Controller before becoming a licensed Air Traffic Control Officer in 1977, a position he held for 11 years. During the next seven years he worked the ranks in junior management before gradually moving up to serve in senior management where he has been for the past 17 years heading up the airport operations department. Over the past eight years as Senior Manager Airport Operations (Owen Roberts International Airport), he built solid relationships with external regulatory bodies, government agencies and other local organisations, as well as airport partners, colleagues and the general public, which, coupled with extensive professional development has prepared him well for his new role as Chief Operations Officer.

Announcing the appointment on behalf of the Board of Directors of the CIAA, Chairman Mr. Richard "Dick" Arch, MBE, JP, remarked, "I congratulate Mr. McCoy on his promotion to Chief Operations Officer, a role which will be crucial to ensure the success of major redevelopment of the two airports which will commence in the months ahead. His 36 years of service to the Authority has resulted in developing him into a well-rounded individual who is most suited for this vital function."



One month into the role, Mr. McCoy said, “I am extremely grateful for the confidence which the Board has expressed in my ability to fulfill this critical responsibility and I remain steadfast in my commitment to achieving the mandate which has been established to ensure our airports remain safe, secure and optimally functional for the travelling public and our stakeholders. I look forward to working with the CIAA’s Team and our customers to realize our goal to become a world-class gateway to the Cayman Islands.”

In his new post, he will be responsible for the day to day operations in the absence of the Chief Executive Officer and will direct the management of five departments: Airport Operations, Security, Business Development & Marketing, Customer & Commercial Services and Maintenance, Engineering & Projects.

Other key responsibilities under Mr. McCoy’s remit include the management of infrastructure improvement projects, as well as the overall management and maintenance of airport facilities and customer relationship management; development of commercial services and arrangements and compliance with the Freedom of Information Law and contributing to the formulation of business plans and budgets and the development of strategic revenue measures to ensure fiscal accountability.

He will represent the CIAA in matters pertaining to the Public Transport Board (PTB) and other such external bodies whose functions impact upon the operations of the airport; and coordinate arrangements for air carriers operating at both airports.



Mr. McCoy attended South Shields Grammar School and Ashville College in the United Kingdom. During his career he has obtained numerous aviation-related certifications, in addition to a Diploma in Airport Strategic Management in 2010. He is a qualified United Kingdom Department for Transport Aviation Security Inspector and an affiliate member of the UK Institute of Paralegals. He and his wife Mary and their children reside in West Bay.

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Caption for attached photo:

Mr. Kerith McCoy, newly-appointed Chief Operations Officer of the Cayman Islands Airports Authority (CIAA).

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