



# ***Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited***

Bandaranaike International Airport, Colombo, Katunayake, Sri Lanka.

**03<sup>rd</sup> June 2022**

**Press Release on the Enjoining Order issued to Public Joint Stock Company “Aeroflot - Russian Airlines” by the Commercial High Court of Colombo on 02.06.2022 in taking off the ground of Aircraft bearing No. (MSN) 1301.**

The Aeroflot – Russian Airlines which was scheduled to depart from Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake, (BIA) to Moscow Russia on 02nd of June 2022 with 191 Passengers and 13 Crew members was restrained in taking off the ground on an Enjoining Order issued by the Commercial High Court of Colombo on 02.06.2022.

The Commercial High Court of Colombo hearing this matter on 03.06.2022 on motions filed by the Aeroflot – Russian Airlines and Head of Air Navigation Services of Airport and Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited (2nd Defendant) obtained a clarification on the effect of the said Enjoining Order and the Learned High Court Judge informed that there was no Enjoining Order and any type of Interim Injunction issued against the 2nd Defendant (Airport and Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited). Therefore, there was no effective Enjoining Order issued on the 2nd Defendant (Airport and Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited) or State.

It was also noted during the hearing that the dispute between the Aeroflot – Russian Airlines and Celestial Aviation Trading 10 Limited (Plaintiff) was purely of a commercial nature which should be dealt between the said two parties and no involvement of the State was emphasized.

Accordingly, the matter was fixed for objections of the parties and for hearing on 08<sup>th</sup> June 2022

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