

STRATEGIC AVIATION – PUBLIC APOLOGY FROM DARWIN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

On the 28th of January 2009, representatives of Darwin International Airport (DIA) made statements to the media in relation to an incident involving an A330 Airbus operated by Strategic Aviation.

DIA accepts that some of its statements were inaccurate and were made without first obtaining verification from Strategic Aviation. These inaccurate statements, which were published by various media outlets referred to smoke and a suspicious haze in the cabin of the aircraft and advised that passengers were taken to hospital. The crew followed normal operating procedures and returned to Darwin Airport as a precautionary measure after a fault in the airconditioning system was detected. Strategic Aviation has since advised DIA that no smoke or suspicious haze was evident and no passengers were affected.

DIA unreservedly apologises to Strategic Aviation and regrets any damage caused to Strategic Aviation and its reputation.