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IAM / EL AL AIRLINES NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE

The parties convened this week to begin negotiations for your new Collective Bargaining Agreement. Present for the Union were Andrew Boyd from the City Office, Lenny Costa, Chief Steward from JFK and James M. Samuel, General Chairperson from District Lodge 142. Attending for the Company were Yossi Benbasset, HR & Admin. Manager and Roger Briton, Counsel for the Company.

During this initial meeting, both the Company and Union made an initial comprehensive pass covering multiple articles of the Agreement. The dialogue between the parties was cordial and forthright.

Full explanations and justifications were given by the Union to support our position at the table. There has been a sea swell of change in the airline industry with dramatic jumps in pay and benefits at most, if not all carriers. We fully expect that EL AL should recognize the efforts and contributions of the IAM membership at EL AL by not ignoring these changes.

Additional dates have been set to continue negotiations with future meetings occurring during the weeks of March 20 and May 8. The only source for accurate information concerning these negotiations will be from District Lodge 142 and will be released following each negotiating session. If you have any questions about negotiations, please speak with your committee representatives or you can always feel free to me a call at (859) 653-4037 or email me at jsamuel@iamdl142.org. With best wishes, we remain

Sincerely and fraternally,

James M. Samuel General Chairperson

Negotiating Committee Members

Andrew Boyd

Lenny Costa

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