**IAG / bmi – case M.6447
Timetable of actions to be taken by the Monitoring Trustee, European Commission and other third parties in relation to the IATA Winter 2023/2024 slot release process**

| **Offset** | **Date by (2023)** | **Commitments** | **Monitoring Trustee (MT), European Commission (Commission) and Applicant Actions**  | **Week (Thursdays)** |
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| **By x-9** | 9 March |  | MT opens Winter 2023/2024 applications process. Applicants request application documents and may start discussing content of potential applications with MT. | 10 |
| **By x-7** | 23 March | 1.4.1 (a) | MT receives slot requests from Applicants. | 12 |
| 1.4.1 (b) | MT receives details of leased and exchanged slots.  |
| 1.4.1 (c) | MT receives requests for anonymity and reasoned explanation of such request. Such requests are to be sent to the Commission immediately. Within one week, the MT to advise the Commission whether or not that request should be granted. Within three weeks, the MT in consultation with the Commission to decide whether the request may be treated anonymously.  |
|  | **23 March – deadline for slot request applications** |  |
| **By** **x-6** | 30 March | 1.4.2 | The MT shall:* forward slot requests to IAG and the Commission (NB: the MT may **not** disclose to IAG the Relevant City Pair for which the slot is requested until the start of slot conference, i.e. 13 June 2023).
* inform Heathrow Airport Limited (HAL) and Airport Coordination Limited (ACL) of the Slot request and inquire into issues relating to the slot request, e.g. availability of terminal facilities, capacity and infrastructure.

IAG and Applicants may hold limited discussions on slot timing and types of compensation to establish key terms of a Slot Release Agreement. MT must be involved in all such discussions. | 13 |
| 1.4.3 and 1.4.1(c) | MT advises the Commission whether or not any request(s) for anonymity should be granted by reviewing the evidence provided by applicants. Pending that determination, MT may not disclose the identity of the Applicant to IAG. |
| **By x-5** | 6 April | 1.4.4 | In order to meet requirements of 1.4.4(a) and (b), the MT researches and confirms that:* Applicant is independent of IAG, and not a member of the oneworld Alliance.
* Applicant has exhausted its own Slot Portfolio at Heathrow.

Methods include:* Assessment of any financial or other agreement by the Applicant (whether it has any code sharing, partnership, revenue sharing or any other agreement with IAG).
* Analysis of data supplied by the Applicant and ACL to ensure the requirements of Clause 1.2 are fulfilled.
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| **By x-4** | 13 April | 1.4.1(c) | Commission makes its determination as to anonymity request(s). Determination may be made subject to conditions. | 15 |
| **By x-2** | 27 April | 1.4.4 | Commission advises Applicant if rejected on the basis of ineligibility. IAG, ACL and HAL informed of the outcome. | 17 |
| **By x-1** | 4 May | 1.4.5 | IAG informs MT and Applicants which slots it would release to successful Applicant(s). | 18 |
| **By x** | 11 May | 1.4.6 | Applicants must send slot requests to slot coordinators. | 19 |
| 1.4.7 and 1.4.8 | Applicants submit formal bids to the MT. Formal bids shall include: • Key terms (Clause 1.4.7 (a)) • Business Plan (requirements set out in Clause 1.4.7(b)) * Compensation (if offered under Clause 1.4.8)
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| **X** | **11 May – Slot Release Submission Deadline**  |  |
| **X+2** | 25 May | 1.4.9 and 1.4.10 | MT advises the Commission:* If Applicant is a viable competitor
* Evaluate bids / rank in order of preference
	+ Review business plans in a similar way to the CAA “financial fitness” assessment: cross check with historical route and yield data (may need to obtain some of this from IAG)
	+ Assess whether the Applicant is “viable”
	+ Produce assessment framework utilising the Commission’s criteria 1.4.4 and the financial bids
	+ Agree weightings on objectives and financials
	+ Liaise with the Commission to evaluate and rank bids according to these assessment criteria
	+ Ensure appropriate spread of slots across the day (no more than 5 in the morning, 5 in the afternoon, and 5 in the evening), potentially using operational research techniques
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|  | 1.4.9 and 1.4.10 | Commission evaluates Applicants and their business plan submissions.  |
| **X+3** | 1 June | 1.4.8 | Where Applicants have made compensation offers, IAG provides the MT with a ranking of those offers. | 22 |
| **X+4** | 8 June | 1.4.11 | Based on the evaluation of bids by the MT, the Commission ranks the viable Applicants for each Identified City Pair. The MT informs the Applicant whether it qualifies for slots and its ranking.  | 23 |
|  | Trustee to confirm with ACL that Applicants have exhausted all their efforts in applying for slots through the General Slot Allocation Procedure |  |
|  | **13 June – IATA slot conference opens**  |  |
|  | 13 – 15 June  | 1.4.11 | Applicant must try and improve its slots through the General Slot Allocation Procedure.MT evaluates any changes to Draft Slot Release Agreement Key Terms; either not material or, if material, approved by the Commission.  | 24 |
| **Y** | **15 June – IATA slot conference closes** |  |
| **Y+2** | 29 June | 1.4.12 | Applicants confirm to MT whether they will operate Slots offered by IAG | 26 |
| **Y+3** | 6 July | 1.4.13 | MT confirms to the highest ranked Applicant that it is entitled to receive slots and that IAG are required to release the slots subject to the Slot Release Agreement being reviewed by the MT and approved by the Commission. | 27 |
| **Y+5** | 20 July | 1.4.13 | Slot Release Agreement signed and slot release completed.ACL informed of the slot exchange.  | 29 |