

MIAL commences International Flight Operations from GA Terminal at CSIA

CSIA first ever airport in India to offer this facility

Mumbai, April 18, 2011: As a part of its continuous and ongoing efforts to provide world-class airport infrastructure and services to private and non-scheduled flight operators (NSOPs), Mumbai International Airport Pvt Ltd has commenced operations of international flights at the General Aviation (GA) Terminal at the Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport (CSIA). The terminal which has been used for only domestic flight operations until now, was approved for international operations effective April 15, 2011. CSIA is the first airport in India to have such a self contained terminal for handling round the clock domestic and international flight operations for private and NSOPs.

GV Sanjay Reddy, Managing Director, Mumbai International Airport Pvt Ltd (MIAL) said, *“Being the hub of business and finance, Mumbai is a key destination for non-scheduled operations and private flights. The commencement of international flight operations from the General Aviation terminal at CSIA is a significant step for MIAL in our endeavour to cater to the needs of the growing non-scheduled traffic and provide an enhanced airport experience for passengers of non-scheduled and private aircraft. The setting-up of an independent GA terminal with all facilities under one roof is in line with our objective of consistently improving service standards at CSIA.”*

Located at Kalina, the GA terminal offers premium facilities for passengers departing and arriving on private aircraft and business jets. The interiors of the terminal are aesthetically designed and house all amenities for travellers. The entrance of the terminal leads to a cozy pre-departure lounge. Additionally, the terminal has facilities such as two exclusive lounges, two conference halls, two crew rest rooms and a cafe bar. Apart from concierge service, passengers are also provided personal travel assistance right up to the aircraft.

Realizing the need to have a proper infrastructural and operational frame work for non scheduled aircraft operations, MIAL has the distinction of being the first airport operator in India to table the concept of having a separate GA terminal to the Ministry of Civil Aviation. With the necessary regulatory clearances from BCAS, CISF, Immigration and Customs authorities in place, the efforts put by MIAL have finally yielded result.