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The Chairman
Aerodromes Authority of India,
A Government of India Enterprise,
Ministry of Civil Aviation,
Government of India,
New Delhi

**Sub: Commercial Utilisation of Kandla Aerodrome with Up-graded of
Night Operations Capability**

Dear Sir,

We, the Gandhidham Chamber of Commerce & Industry is a pioneer organisation of Kandla – Gandhidham complex since 1953 with the main objective of serving as a bridge between local trade and industry fraternity and State / Central Govt. for the resolution of problems on regular basis.

In light of new liberal civil aviation policy, we appreciate its focus on regional connectivity with fares capped at ₹2,500/- upto 1000 KM for one hour flight and ₹1200/- upto 500 KM for half hour flight. This will certainly create ease of doing business for airline operators and affordable, convenient and cheaper travel for fliers at large.

Since new policy aims at increasing connectivity to un-served smaller town and cities by offering sops to airlines, the people of Kandla – Gandhidham complex in Kachchh District of Gujarat State eagerly await the commencement of Kandla – Mumbai – Kandla and Kandla – New Delhi – Kandla flights regularly in coming days.

Kandla Aerodrome is classified as an Operational Aerodrome in Kachchh Region of Gujarat. The Aerodrome does not have any scheduled carrier service since closure of Kingfisher operations in 2013. It is proposed that commercial utilisation of Kandla Aerodrome be exploited with up-graded night operations capability.

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Kandla Aerodrome is connected with two major ports of India i.e. Kandla & Mundra and also well backed-up by India's largest Timber Market, Edible Oil Refinery, Salt & other major industries.

Considering all the above mentioned facts, we strongly recommend you to consider getting start first flight under new policy from Kandla aerodrome at the earliest.

We are sure, air service in this un-tapped and potential sector will prove commercially viable and successful and which will promote and boost economic activity in this industrial region thereby contributing to our Prime Minister's dream project "Make in India".

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



Dinesh Gupta
President