UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re:	: Chapter 11
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AVIANCA HOLDINGS S.A., et al., 1 : Case No. 20-11133 (MG)

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Debtors. : (Jointly Administered)

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## ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR REMOTE EVIDENTIARY HEARING ON JUNE 11, 2020 IN CONNECTION WITH DEBTOR'S MOTIONS FOR ORDERS GRANTING FINAL RELIEF WITH RESPECT TO CONTESTED MOTIONS

The Court will hold a hearing at 2:00 p.m., June 11, 2020 with respect *only* to the following two contested motions filed by Debtors' counsel: (1) Motion to file exhibits under seal (ECF Doc. # 239); and (2) Final hearing on motion to pay wages, compensation and employee benefits (ECF Doc. ## 3, 35 and 222) (together, the "Contested Matters"); a hearing with respect to the third contested motion, the Application to employ Ropes & Gray LLP as Special Government Investigations Counsel (ECF Doc. ## 180, 218), has been adjourned. The Court having determined that issues of fact are appropriate for adjudication, these Contested Matters are scheduled for a hearing beginning at 2:00

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, and each Debtor's federal tax identification number (to the extent applicable), are as follows: Avianca Holdings S.A. (N/A); Aero Transporte de Carga Unión, S.A. de C.V. (N/A); Aeroinversiones de Honduras, S.A. (N/A); Aerovías del Continente Americano S.A. Avianca (N/A); Airlease Holdings One Ltd. (N/A); America Central (Canada) Corp. (00-1071563); America Central Corp. (65-0444665); AV International Holdco S.A. (N/A); AV International Holdings S.A. (N/A); AV International Investments S.A. (N/A); AV International Ventures S.A. (N/A); AV Investments One Colombia S.A.S. (N/A); AV Investments Two Colombia S.A.S. (N/A); AV Taca International Holdco S.A. (N/A); Avianca Costa Rica S.A. (N/A); Avianca Leasing, LLC (47-2628716); Avianca, Inc. (13-1868573); Avianca-Ecuador S.A. (N/A); Aviaservicios, S.A. (N/A); Aviateca, S.A. (N/A); Avifreight Holding Mexico, S.A.P.I. de C.V. (N/A); C.R. Int'l Enterprises, Inc. (59-2240957); Grupo Taca Holdings Limited (N/A); International Trade Marks Agency Inc. (N/A); Inversiones del Caribe, S.A. (N/A); Isleña de Inversiones, S.A. de C.V. (N/A); Latin Airways Corp. (N/A); Latin Logistics, LLC (41-2187926); Nicaraguense de Aviación, Sociedad Anónima (Nica, S.A.) (N/A); Regional Express Américas S.A.S. (N/A); Ronair N.V. (N/A); Servicio Terrestre, Aereo y Rampa S.A. (N/A); Servicios Aeroportuarios Integrados SAI S.A.S. (92-4006439); Taca de Honduras, S.A. de C.V. (N/A); Taca de México, S.A. (N/A); Taca International Airlines S.A. (N/A); Taca S.A. (N/A); Tampa Cargo S.A.S. (N/A); Technical and Training Services, S.A. de C.V. (N/A). The Debtors' principal offices are located at Avenida Calle 26 #59 – 15 Bogotá, Colombia.



p.m., June 11, 2020 (the "Hearing"). Pursuant to Rule 43(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, made applicable here by Rule 9017 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, the current COVID-19 pandemic provides good cause in compelling circumstances to allow this Hearing to be conducted remotely through the use of telephonic and video conferencing solutions. Accordingly, pursuant to this Court's General Order M-543 regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, and after due deliberation, this Court adopts the following virtual hearing procedures which provide appropriate safeguards in relation to the Hearing of these Contested Matters.

## IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Telephonic and Videoconferencing Solutions. The Hearing shall take place virtually using both telephonic and videoconferencing solutions as set forth herein. The Court shall utilize Zoom (for audio and video purposes). The Zoom link shall be provided by the Court to the list of persons identified by the Parties as Zoom participants in accordance with Section 3 below. All counsel that participate via Zoom shall participate in appropriate pre-Hearing testing of Zoom as may be required by this Court's personnel.
- 2. Prior Notice of Intent to Zoom. The Debtors' counsel shall provide the Court with a list of all *attorneys* who will be heard with respect to the Contested Matters (including the attorneys' names, affiliation, party represented, telephone number and email address) and *witnesses* (including names, title(s), affiliation, phone number and email address) who will be heard during the Hearing via Zoom *by no later than 12:00 noon, June 10, 2020.*
- 3. Attendance at the Hearing by Other Attorneys, Parties in Interest and the Public.

  All other attorneys, parties in interest, or the members of the public who wish to hear or observe the June 11, 2020 Hearing shall send an email to Chambers (mg.chambers@nysb.uscourts.gov)

on or before 5:00 p.m., June 10, 2020. The Court will circulate by email prior to the Hearing the Zoom link to such persons who wish to hear or observe the Hearing via Zoom

- 4. Submission of Exhibits to Court. With respect to the Contested Matters, absent further order of the Court for good cause shown, only counsel for (1) the Debtors, (2) the Creditors Committee, (3) the United States Trustee may offer evidence, argue and otherwise be heard with respect to the Contested Matters. If any of these parties intend to offer any exhibit at the hearing on June 11, 2020, such party shall provide the Court (and file on ECF) a copy of the exhibits it will seek to use during the Hearing (either by offering it in evidence or using it for demonstrative purposes) no later than 5:00 p.m., June 10, 2020. Any other exhibit or demonstrative that such parties may use at the Hearing for any purpose, including for rebuttal or impeachment, must be submitted via email by the offering party to the Court (at mg.chambers@nysb.uscourts.gov) and the other parties in .pdf format no later than 12:00 noon, June 11, 2020.
- 5. Submission of Witness Lists to the Court. On or before 12:00 noon, June 10, 2020, any party intending to call a witness to testify at the Hearing (either by affidavit, declaration or with live witness testimony) shall file a list of witnesses (the "Witness List") on ECF that the party anticipates in good faith calling as witnesses at the Hearing. The Witness List shall include the name, title, and business affiliation of each witness. For purposes of the June 11 Hearing, any party that intends to offer in evidence at the Hearing an affidavit or declaration that has already been filed in support of, or opposition to, the relief sought in any pending motion shall seek a stipulation of admissibility of the affidavit or declaration from any party that has been authorized by this Order to be heard at the Hearing with respect to the Contested Matters. The declarant must be available via Zoom for cross examination and redirect examination, to the extent permitted by law. For any witness for whom an affidavit or declaration has not previously been filed on ECF, but who is

expected to be called as a witness at the Hearing, the witness list shall also include a brief narrative summary of the expected direct testimony.

- **6. Remote Witness Testimony.** Rule 43(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, made applicable by Rule 9017 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, provides that for "good cause in compelling circumstances" a witness may be permitted to testify by contemporaneous transmission from a location other than the courtroom. The Court finds and concludes that good cause in compelling circumstances exist here due to the COVID-19 pandemic, any witness called to testify at the Hearing shall testify by contemporaneous transmission from a different location than the Courtroom ("Remote Witness"). All Remote Witnesses shall be sworn in over Zoom, and such testimony will have the same effect and be binding upon the Remote Witness in the same manner as if such Remote Witness was sworn in by the Court deputy in person in open court at the courthouse. In the event of an error or malfunction with Zoom, the Remote Witness may be sworn in and testify via the dial-in number included in the Zoom invitation. The Party offering the Remote Witness shall be responsible for ensuring that the Zoom link, and all exhibits from all parties are supplied to the Remote Witness in hard copy prior to, or in the case of impeachment exhibits, at the Hearing. No person other than counsel may be present in the room from which the Remote Witness will testify during the testimony of the Remote Witness. While the Remote Witness is testifying, he or she may not have in the room from which the Remote Witness will testify any documents except his or her declaration submitted in lieu of direct testimony and all exhibits from all parties submitted to the Court pursuant to Section 4 above.
- 7. <u>Courtroom Formalities.</u> Although being conducted using telephonic and videoconferencing solutions, the Hearing of the Contested Matters constitutes a court proceeding, and any recording other than the official court version is prohibited. No Party may record images or

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sounds from any location. When called to testify, a Remote Witness must situate himself or herself

in such a manner as to be able to view the video screen and be seen by the Court. For purposes of

this Hearing, the formalities of a courtroom must be observed, *except* that the Court will permit

counsel or witnesses participating in this Hearing to be attired in business casual clothing.

**8.** Retention of Jurisdiction. This Court retains jurisdiction with respect to all matters

arising from or related to this Order.

Dated: J

June 9, 2020

New York, New York

s/ Martin Glenn\_

Martin Glenn

United States Bankruptcy Judge

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