Notice from the administrator of the Swissair Group to creditors and the media

Administrator publishes new interim report on Swissair Swiss Air Transport Company Ltd

Küsnacht-Zurich, 29 November 2002. As reported previously, as of 11 November 2002 the Administrator of the Swissair Group, Karl Wüthrich of Wenger Plattner, issued a further interim report to the creditors of each of SAirGroup, SAirLines and Flightlease AG. On 28 November 2002, the Administrator sent out an interim report on Swissair Swiss Air Transport Company Ltd (Swissair) to the creditors and debt restructuring judge of that company. The report is publicly accessible on the Administrator's website (www.sachwalter-swissair.ch).

Much of the interim report is devoted to the Administrator's proposed procedure for settling the privileged claims that have been lodged by Swissair employees, to the delay in producing an inventory owing to irregularities in the 1997 restructuring of the Swissair Group, and to the sale of assets. A schedule of the probable next steps in the Swissair debt restructuring moratorium is also attached.

The Administrator plans to submit an application to the debt restructuring judge on 5 December 2002, requesting that the debt restructuring moratorium be extended by four months, i.e. to 4 April 2003. The meeting of creditors is planned for early February 2003, and the liquidation of assets should begin at the end of May 2003. These last two steps are conditional upon a sufficient number of Swissair employees accepting the Administrator's offer of settlement for their registered privileged claims by 15 December 2002. Should numbers be insufficient, the debt restructuring proceedings would have to be halted. With this scenario, compulsory winding-up proceedings for Swissair would have to begin no later than early January 2003. SAirGroup, SAirLlines and Flightlease AG would not be affected by the winding-up of Swissair.

The Administrator will apply to the debt restructuring judge for an extension of two months to the debt restructuring moratoriums for SAirGroup, SAirLines and Flightlease AG, i.e. up to 4 February 2003.

Further information

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