F. No. AERA/20010/MYTP/Celebi/GH/Delhi/CP-II/2016-17 Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India

AERA Building, Administrative Complex, Safdarjung Airport, New Delhi – 110 003.

Date: 15th October, 2019

Public Notice No. 12/2019-20

Sub: Comments/Submissions received from stakeholders on the Consultation Paper No. 07/2019-20 dated 19.09.2019 in the matter of Annual Tariff Proposal for Fourth Tariff Year (2019-20) of the Second Control Period in respect of M/s Celebi Airport Services India Private Limited for providing Ground Handling service at Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi.

Attention of all concerned is invited to Consultation Paper No. 07/2019-20 dated 19.09.2019 in the matter of Annual Tariff Proposal for Fourth Tariff Year (2019-20) of the Second Control Period in respect of M/s Celebi Airport Services India Private Limited for providing Ground Handling service at Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi, vide which the Authority had sought comments from the stakeholders.

2. In response thereof, the Authority has received comments/submissions from the following stakeholders.

Sl. No.	Stakeholders
1.	Business Aircraft Operators Association (BAOA)

The comments/ submissions received, as above, are attached for information of all concerned.

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प्राप्त डायरी नः 14323 जरीख<u>॥ 1011</u>9

Subject: - Comments on AERA Consultation Paper 07/2019-20

Sir/Madam,

Please refer the AERA Consultation Paper 07/2019-20 in respect M/s Celebi Airport Services India Private Limited for providing Ground Handling service at Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi. Following comments are offered.

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- The plea for hike in GH charges, by Celebi Airport Services, is purely based on the logic that charges have not been increased for more than 8 years and should now be increased to compensate for increase in staff wages and WPI over these years. This, we believe, is not conforming to the philosophy followed by AERA for fixing charges for aeronautical services.
- Ground Handling (GH) charges, like all other aeronautical charges, are to be decided on 'cost plus' basis (with FROR) rather than 'soft touch' approach which is more based on approximation and differing perceptions for cost involved in providing GH services at an airport. This also leads to imbalance in the whole process of fixing aeronautical charges, like it happened in this instant case. It has been argued that the GH charges at DIAL have not been revised for 8 years and should be now increased, again, based on pure approximation. If GH charges are fixed based on 'cost plus' basis in MYTP, there would be rational and gradual increase with matching increase, if any, in cost inputs.

We request AERA to look at the whole proposal 'de novo' and fix GH tariff at DIAL in line with its established practice of deciding all aeronautical charges on 'cost plus' basis to avoid such situations in future, wherein the service providers would demand hefty increase in charges in one go.

We are available for any further discussions, if required.

Thanking you

For Business Aircraft Operators Association

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Managing Director

