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**CONTROL OF OBSTACLES, CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES, AND
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE “NO OBJECTION” PROCESS WITHIN
AND IN THE VICINITY OF AERODROMES.**

The Belize Department of Civil Aviation (BDCA), in accordance with the Civil Aviation Act, CAP 239, specifically Sections 4(2)(g) and 4(2)(i) which provide authority to regulate activities, structures, lighting, and installations that may endanger aircraft operations; Section 11 which mandates the Department to ensure the safety of civil aviation and enforce compliance; Section 15 which establishes control over land in the interest of civil aviation including the restriction, modification, or demolition of structures; and Section 16 which addresses hazards and obstructions; hereby informs all aerodrome operators, owners and operators of landing strips, helipad operators, developers, contractors, telecommunications providers, and all stakeholders within the aviation sector that any proposed construction, reconstruction, modification of existing structures, or installation of antennas, communication towers, masts, lighting systems, or any other infrastructure within or in the vicinity of an aerodrome shall be formally notified to the BDCA prior to the commencement of any activity and shall be subject to a technical evaluation under the established BDCA “No Objection” process.

No construction, installation, or development shall be initiated without obtaining a formal, written No Objection issued by the BDCA, in accordance with the requirements established under BCAR 14 Volume I, which defines the framework for the safeguarding of aerodromes and the protection of aircraft operations.

In accordance with applicable national regulations and international standards, all aerodromes are protected by defined Obstacle Limitation Surfaces (OLS), including but not limited to the approach, take-off climb, transitional, inner horizontal, and conical surfaces which are established to safeguard aircraft operations during take-off, landing, and ground maneuvering activities. Therefore, any object or structure that penetrates, or has the potential to penetrate, these surfaces shall be considered an obstacle and will be subject to detailed assessment by the BDCA to determine its acceptability. Proponents of any such development are required to submit complete and accurate information to the BDCA, including geographic coordinates, elevation and height data, type and purpose of the structure, and any relevant technical documentation, in order to facilitate the necessary obstacle evaluation prior to the issuance of a No Objection letter.

Failure to comply with these requirements shall constitute a violation of applicable civil aviation regulations, and any construction or installation undertaken without prior approval shall be

considered unauthorized. In such cases, and in accordance with Section 15 of the Civil Aviation Act, CAP 239, the BDCA may impose restrictions, require modifications, or order the removal, demolition, or alteration of any structure that is determined to pose a hazard to aircraft operations. This includes those that penetrate established Obstacle Limitation Surfaces, and all associated costs shall be borne by the party responsible. Unauthorized or improperly assessed structures may create significant operational risks, particularly during critical phases of aircraft operations such as take-off, landing, and maneuvering within the aerodrome environment. Consequently, strict compliance with this Advisory Circular is mandatory to ensure adherence to national regulations and internationally accepted aerodrome safety standards.

The BDCA appreciates the cooperation and support of all stakeholders in maintaining the highest levels of aerodrome safety and operational integrity. Any party requiring clarification, guidance, or assistance regarding the No Objection process is encouraged to kindly direct their inquiries to the BDCA at: info@civilaviation.gov.bz or visit the BDCA office for detailed clarification.

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