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Claimant:

Air Ambulance by Air Trek, Inc., a Delaware corporation

Fed I.D. No.: 51-0337846

Claimant:

Air Trek, Inc., a Florida corporation

Fed I.D. No.: 59-1915238

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PURSUE CLAIM **PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 768.28**

Please be advised that the undersigned and Matthews Eastmoore represent Air Ambulance by Air Trek, Inc. ("AAAT") and Air Trek, Inc. ("Air Trek"), the claimants referenced above, as a result of monetary damages suffered by these entities resulting from the actions of employees of Punta Gorda Airport ("PGD"), which is run by the Charlotte County Airport Authority (the "Authority"). On May 9, 2019, PGD's employees interjected a contaminant, apparently diesel fuel exhaust fluid, into the fuel system of two jet aircraft owned by AAAT, and leased to Air Trek, when those planes were fueled at PGD. This has caused, and is continuing to cause, my clients substantial damage.

This incident resulted in my clients' planes being rendered inoperable and irreparable, and also resulted in both substantial costs being incurred and substantial loss in revenue. As a result, AAAT and Air Trek intend to seek damages against Charlotte County Airport Authority and/or their agents, servants, employees, subsidiary companies and all related persons and/or entities responsible for the damage to the two aircraft and the resultant damages to my clients' business.

Pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 768.28(6)(c), you are hereby notified that there exists no prior adjudicated unpaid claim in excess of \$200.

Please govern yourselves accordingly.

Very truly yours,

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cc:

Eric T. Smith, Esq.

Clients