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### **AIR SERVICES TO GIBRALTAR FROM THE UK**

The Government regrets the announcement from easyJet that services from Liverpool will discontinue as from the end of October 2012. This a commercial decision taken by easyJet. Despite conversations with the airline to try and redress the situation, the decision proved to be conclusive.

The Government then set about to try and maintain capacity from the northwest of the UK to Gibraltar and is pleased to confirm that Monarch Airlines are to increase capacity on the Manchester to Gibraltar route for the winter season of 2012, where the airline will operate four flights per week and this will continue as a minimum all year round.

The Government also notes with regret that services from East Midlands Airport in the UK operated by bmibaby will discontinue as from September 2012 due to the closure of the airline.

However the Government can confirm that it has acted immediately to ensure the continuation of services by another airline from East Midlands to Gibraltar as from the start of the summer season of 2013, the details of which will be announced in due course.

Commenting on the development of air services to Gibraltar the Hon Neil Costa, Minister for Tourism said, "As we are witnessing, the airline industry is changeable and the effects on a relatively small destination like Gibraltar can be significant. I am pleased to say, however, that we have been able to sustain capacity from the northwest of the UK and that we have worked to regain a service from East Midlands.

Whilst it is a pity that services from Liverpool will discontinue, we fully accept easyJet's commercial decision on this matter and look forward to continued work with the airline on their robust services from London Gatwick and in looking at opportunities to develop other regional connections from the UK to Gibraltar."