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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

**To** : All members of the media  
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### **ARBITRATION BETWEEN AIR NAMIBIA AND MEDIA NOVA FINALISED**

Air Namibia wishes to update its esteemed stakeholders about the current status of the inflight magazine

1. Air Namibia has since 2016 been in a legal battle with Media Nova, a publishing company for its inflight magazine, Flamingo, regarding the validity of the extended contract between the two parties.
2. The initial three-year contract expired in 2016, but it was un-procedurally extended for further five years by the then Chief Operating Officer Mr Rene Gsponer.
3. A ruling in favour of Air Namibia was then made fortnight ago following a lengthy arbitration process.
4. Publication of the magazine has been stopped until early next year when it will be put on public tender.
5. Management is busy assessing different options in terms of various models of how the magazine will be published in the future.
6. Air Namibia pages for the flamingo will be accessible digitally going forward until a new publisher is commissioned.
7. Earlier this year, media reports carried articles lambasting the airline's management for spending millions defending this matter with the South African advocates representing the airline.
8. Air Namibia spent around N\$8 million in this case as it was completely necessary to seek justice in this regards and uphold good corporate governance in terms of internal processes.
9. In prosecuting the matter to the end, the airline and its position has eventually been justified. Fees in respect of the matter will be taxed and the airline will recoup a substantial amount of what was spent in finalising the matter.
10. The use of advocates has been justified by the end result.
11. Despite the financial difficulties and the heavy scrutiny over our operations, the airline continues to operate in a transparent manner.

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