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LIAT Says it Will Extend Temporary Layoff of Pilots

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ST. JOHN'S, Antigua, CMC – Regional carrier LIAT, will be extended the temporary layoff of pilots for three months.

Human Resources Manager, Samantha May Francis, in a recent letter to the pilots, attributed the decision to the “chronic fiscal turbulence experienced by the regional airline, now made worse by the COVID-19 pandemic.”

In the letter, dated, June 11, she said that throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the airline has operated limited service, providing cargo and chartered flights, but this was not enough to cover the company's costs.

However, LIAT assured employees that they would continue to receive medical insurance coverage and staff travel privileges during this period.

Concerning commercial passenger services, earlier this month, the airline's Chief Executive officer, Julie Reifer-Jones said those services will remain suspended until June 30 .

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