

Press Statement

Investigations concluded and work commences on preservation of archaeological site

‘Investigations on the archaeological remains have been concluded to the satisfaction of the Superintendence of Cultural Heritage and the Malta Environment and Planning Authority following the discovery of a Late Roman rural burial site during the excavation works for the erection of a two-bay hanger by Medavia at Safi Aviation Park’, Malta Industrial Parks Ltd said today.

The site has now been fully cleared and surveyed under the presence of an archaeological monitor, while a roofing structure capable of handling aircraft up to a single pressure point of 40 tonnes has been designed to preserve and protect the archaeological remains. The structure has now been approved by the Superintendence of Cultural Heritage and works on the structure have been commenced today in order to maintain the stringent timelines imposed on the contractors for the completion of the Safi Aviation Park.

The archaeological site consists of 10 burial chambers which have all been documented with the Superintendence. An access manhole will be constructed to ensure that further investigations and excavations could be held in the future should archaeological research be required.

Malta Industrial Parks Limited wishes to once again thank Medavia, the Superintendence of Cultural Heritage and the Malta Environment and Planning Authority for their expeditious feedback and for the teamwork, such that no practical impact on the delivery timeframes of the project management of the Safi Aviation Park have been experienced.



