

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 October 2016 13:40
To: [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]@aberdeen-taxis.com)
Subject: Couple of Issues
Afternoon [REDACTED],

A couple of issues have come up regarding yourselves.

Firstly we have been advised by the official liquidator that Dyce Taxis Ltd has been liquidated. This means that the Dyce Taxis "branding" cannot be used on any licensed vehicle or roof sign. In addition it cannot be used for advertising or any other purpose.

Please advise any of your drivers who still have Dyce Taxis on their roof sign to remove it immediately and any other reference to it on their vehicles.

Secondly, we have become aware that some yellow plated vehicles which are not yours are attempting to operate from Bonds. I believe your vehicles all carry a logo either on the vehicle or roof sign. If any that use Bonds do not can you affix one to them to aid identification and avoid action being taken against any of your vehicles in error.

You will also want to speak to Bonds re the contract for picking up there since the original was made with Dyce Taxis and the liquidation of that company would invalidate any such contract regardless of your merger or take-over.

Thanks

[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@aberdeen-taxis.com>

Sent: 11 October 2016 17:13

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Couple of Issues

Hello [REDACTED]

I believe this information to be in-correct.

Dyce Taxis Ltd is a company owned by ourselves.

Bond is no longer trading. The New contract is between Aberdeen Taxis Ltd and Babcock International.

Regards

[REDACTED] / Director [REDACTED]@aberdeen-taxis.com / [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@aberdeen-taxis.com>

Sent: 26 October 2016 11:41

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Fwd: Babcock Terminal Taxi Request

Hello [REDACTED]

Please see attached correspondence from Babcock.

Does this Suffice?

Regards

[REDACTED] / Director [REDACTED]@aberdeen-taxis.com / [REDACTED]

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]@babcockinternational.com>
Subject: Babcock Terminal Taxi Request
Date: 26 October 2016 at 11:38:08 BST
To: "[REDACTED]@aberdeen-taxis.com" <[REDACTED]@aberdeen-taxis.com>
Cc: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]@babcockinternational.com>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]@babcockinternational.com>
Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Hello [REDACTED],

As discussed, I would appreciate if you could arrange for at least one taxi to be at our terminals to meet each of our inbound flights – these flights can be monitored on our website :

<http://www.babcockflights.com/>

This should be treated as a pre-arranged booking on behalf of our inbound passengers. I'm afraid we are unable to provide an e-mail request each day, but the website should provide enough detail for you to provide as requested.

Should you have any future queries please do not hesitate to contact our newly appointed Terminal Supervisor, [REDACTED] who is cc'd.

Many thanks.

[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 February 2017 08:18
To: [REDACTED] (chris@aberdeen-taxis.com)
Subject: Babcock/Bond

Morning [REDACTED],

We have been advised that there is no longer a contract between Babcock and any taxi firm.

Therefore yellow plated vehicles can no longer collect from the car parks. In addition since the street is double yellow no waiting is allowed therefore no pick ups from there either.

There are no pre-booked fares from there (they only counted as pre-booked due to the contract) therefore any driver of a yellow plate taxi or a PHC reported as picking up from Babcocks will face the suspension of their licence- we do not intend to allow the situation to go back to how it was previously in terms of trouble and acrimony.

Regards

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@aberdeen-taxis.com>

Sent: 10 February 2017 11:09

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Babcock/Bond

Morning [REDACTED],

Thanks for your email and telephone call this morning.

As per telephone conversation you clarified you have not been advised by Babcock that this is the case and you have had no official communication with Babcock

Following on from our phone call I can confirm we DO still have an agreement with Babcock and You still have a copy of that agreement on file.

It is worth noting that this is a long standing agreement that Babcock have expressed no interest in changing with ourselves.

Regards

[REDACTED]

Director

Aberdeen Taxis Ltd

01224 686868

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 10 February 2017 13:23

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Babcock/Bond

Noted [REDACTED],

I have contacted Comcab and asked them to inform all airport drivers not to pick up at Babcocks meantime. They have confirmed this has been passed on.

I'm in meetings the rest of the day and out of the office all day Monday and Tuesday morning. If I need any more info I'll get back to you on Tuesday- in fact I'll get back to you anyway and we can hopefully close this off for good.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: David McKane

Sent: 15 February 2017 14:00

To: 'christopher douglas (chris@aberdeen-taxis.com)'

Subject: Babcock

Hi [REDACTED],

We have studied the byelaws with our solicitor and have a firm interpretation of what needs to happen.

Before I set that out though I need to check on a couple of points on the ground at Babcocks.

I'll visit this afternoon and once I'm back I will confirm our interpretation to you (and also to [REDACTED] for passing on to the airport drivers).

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 February 2017 10:36
To: [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]@aberdeen-taxis.com)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Babcock

Morning [REDACTED],

Having discussed the airport byelaws and the Babcock situation in general with our solicitor and the Licensing team leader and we have come to a conclusion as to how the Babcock situation should be treated-

The airport byelaws state that only an authorised taxi may collect a fare or ply for hire (which is wait for a potential fare) within the airport boundary AND that any such fare or plying for hire must take place only from an authorised taxi rank. Unless the fare is collected from a public car park, a designated pick up point or with the explicit consent of a constable or airport official.

This means that in normal circumstances only an airport designated taxi (green plate) can collect a fare or wait within the airport boundary AND that this must be done from-

The main taxi rank (and designated waiting area)

The Bristows Rank (and overspill waiting area)

The designated pick up points at the CHC terminal

The designated pick up area in front of the main airport terminal

The short stay car park

The long stay car park.

However the byelaws also allow a non-airport taxi or private hire car to collect a pre-booked fare from a designated pick up point, a public car park or an area permitted by the airport authority. This means a pre-booked fare can only be collected from-

The designated pick up point located next to the main rank (comcab vehicles only)

The designated pick up area in front of the main terminal (any licensed vehicle)

The short stay car park (any licensed vehicle)

The long stay car park (any licensed vehicle)

The Babcock situation is slightly different again. The car parks at Babcock terminal 1 and 2 are not public car parks, neither are they an authorised taxi rank. As Babcock lease the land from the airport they effectively become management agents for those pieces of land. Therefore a pre-booked fare may be collected by Aberdeen Taxis Ltd vehicles from the car parks at terminals 1 and 2 as you have an agreement with Babcock (which effectively means you have an agreement with the airport).

However Babcocks have designated 3 car park spaces at terminal 1 for taxi use. This may make those 3 spaces a designated pick up point under the byelaws and therefore technically airport taxis can collect a fare from those 3 spaces only at terminal 1. They cannot collect from terminal 2 at all.

Basically this means that any of your vehicles can collect a fare from Babcock Terminals 1 and 2 car parks. It also means that airport taxis can also collect from Babcock terminal 1 (only the 3 designated spaces- if those a full they cannot wait elsewhere) but they cannot collect from terminal 2 at all.

This though is our interpretation- they are not our byelaws and we have no power to enforce them, although as any vehicle or driver involved is licensed by us we have authority there. If you wish to query with the airport how they interpret the spaces in the terminal 1 car park that is fine- but we would have to receive official confirmation from them before we could change our stance.

I appreciate this probably makes the situation worse not better however the driver of any taxi breaching airport byelaws is also in breach of their conditions (as it is a criminal offence) and any general poor behaviour by any driver at Babcocks (such as waiting out-with the 3 spaces, blocking vehicles in or verbal abuse or threats to other driver) will be referred to the Licensing Committee seeking the suspension of their licence.

We will pass this info along to comcabs along with a request to pass it to their drivers. Can you please pass this round your drivers (not the email just the instructions/warning re behaviour). Hopefully with a bit of common sense there should be no more issues.

Thanks

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@aberdeen-taxis.com>

Sent: 16 February 2017 11:25

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Babcock

Thanks [REDACTED],

I will seek independent legal advice and get back to you at the earliest convenience.

I would prefer if you held off any official communication in the meantime to allow us to get legal advice as this directly affects the commercial interest of a contract we service.

Regards

[REDACTED]
Director

Aberdeen Taxis Ltd

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 16 February 2017 11:38

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Babcock

Hi [REDACTED],

As I said these are the airport byelaws so you will need to discuss it with them first and foremost.

I'm sorry but we cannot hold off passing our interpretation on to the airport drivers- we have been asked for an interpretation and cannot then hold the response back from some of the parties involved. As I said we have made it clear they cannot wait anywhere else at Terminal 1 other than the 3 spaces and cannot service Terminal 2.

Essentially as this is a byelaw issue only, effectively created by the airport and Babcock, we should simply step back altogether and only deal with individual drivers behaviour but we are attempting to be fair to all parties.

We will deal with any individual issues swiftly and we will of course advise all interested parties should anything else become clearer (should the airport confirm to us that the 3 spaces are not a designated pick up point for instance).

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]