



**Greetings
from the President of Iceland
Guðni Th. Jóhannesson
to all Icelandair staff**

Yesterday, Icelandair was forced to announce the redundancy of over 2000 employees. This is the largest mass layoff in Iceland's history. Yet, this painful measure does not come as a surprise, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and its harmful effect on global aviation.

For decades, Icelandair has been one of this country's most important enterprises, a vital link in the chain of companies in the tourism industry that has grown and prospered in recent years, to the benefit of the entire society.

The story of aviation in Iceland is a story of both successes and setbacks. But it has always been marked by optimism, daring and boldness. At the onset, the pioneers were imbued with that spirit and this strong attitude will serve us all well in these challenging times.

We will see brighter days. We will see days again when Icelandair's services will be in great demand. Then we will need those employees back who have served the company so well over the years.

My wife Eliza and I thank the staff at Icelandair for their excellent and trusted service. We send our best wishes and thoughts to you all – we look forward to flying with Icelandair again!

Guðni Th. Jóhannesson