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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

2025-248/5-82

To: Airport Manager, Las Américas International Airport (MDSD/SDQ),
Dominican Republic, FAA (NYC-IFO)

2273613

Info: FAA (AFS-260, AFS-200, AVP-1, AVP-200), ATSG, AOPA, ASAP, ALPA, IFALPA,
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Aviación Civil (IDAC)

From: Becky L. Hooey, Director
NASA Aviation Safety Reporting System

Re: MDSD/SDQ Lighting and Markings

We recently received ASRS reports describing a safety concern that may involve your area of operational responsibility. We do not have sufficient details to assess either the factual accuracy or possible gravity of the report. It is our policy to relay the reported information to the appropriate authority for evaluation and any necessary follow-up. We feel you should be aware of the enclosed deidentified report.

To properly assess the usefulness of our alert message service, we would appreciate it if you would take the time to give us your feedback on the value of the information that we have provided. Please contact Dr. Becky Hooey at (408) 541-2854 or email at becky.l.hooey@nasa.gov.



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ACN 2273613**DATE / TIME**

Date of Occurrence	202508
Local Time Of Day	1201 to 1800

PLACE

Locale	MDSD.Airport
State	FO
Altitude - AGL	0

AIRCRAFT / EQUIPMENT X

ATC / Advisory - Tower	MDSD
Make Model Name	Commercial Fixed Wing
Operating Under FAR Part	121

PERSON 1

ASRS Report Number	2273613
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EVENTS

Anomaly	Ground Event / Encounter - Other / Unknown
Anomaly	No Specific Anomaly Occurred - Unwanted Situation
Detector - Person	Flight Crew
Result - Flight Crew	Requested ATC Assistance / Clarification
Result - Air Traffic Control	Provided Assistance

NARRATIVE 1

After landing in SDQ on Runway 18 even though we could have exited safely at D we were told to taxi down the runway exit at G taxi Runway 17, then hold short of 18 at H due to an unavailable gate and congested ramp. As we approached Runway 18 on H we were unsure of where the hold short line for 18 was. There are two now blacked out hold short lines. There is a hold short sign. I informed Tower I was unsure of when I should stop, and if they were comfortable with where I was. They asked if I could see the hold short lights. We could not. After holding short for a while we were able to scrutinize the 2 blacked out lines, hold short sign, and identified the hold short lights in the pavement though they were not illuminated. We were indeed short of what we surmise was the hold short line. However, in light of day it was confusing with the hold short markings/lights not appearing as expected; it would be incredibly easy to miss at night especially with rain and end up past the hold short line and on Runway 36.

SYNOPSIS

Air carrier pilot reported poor runway hold line markings and lighting resulted in confusion over runway hold short instructions at MDSD/SDQ Airport.