

MEDIA RELEASE

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DURBAN, 30 October 2018 – Management of King Shaka International Airport is extremely proud to welcome British Airways, one of the world's leading airlines, on its maiden flight to the airport.

The commencement of the direct service between Durban and London by British Airways is the result of intensive collaboration with the airline and among tourism bodies, provincial and local government and other members of the Durban Direct initiative.

For us as management of King Shaka International Airport, the launch of direct flights to and from London three times a week is a notable milestone in the growth of our airport since opening in 2010.

At that time, we had invested some R7-billion in new airport infrastructure, which is typically required to endure for decades. Following our successful hosting of the FIFA 2010 World Cup, the airport and its stakeholders ~~have~~ worked hard to build on the fantastic foundation of this entirely new infrastructure.

Our passenger numbers have risen steadily in recent years with an average increase of 8% a year over the last three years. King Shaka International Airport handled some 5.6-million passengers during the 2017/2019 financial year, and we are forecasting that we will handle 5.9—million passengers by the end of the current financial year; -we are confident that we will see more growth in the coming years.

The arrival of British Airways for the Durban-to-London route will make an important contribution not only to growing passenger numbers but also to enhancing the international status of King Shaka International Airport as a hub for economic growth in the region.

We believe that this route has the potential to become a daily service and we will continue working with British Airways to provide any support needed to make this a reality.

King Shaka International Airport already meets all the requirements to land aircraft such as the Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner that British Airways will use on the route, as well as the giant Airbus A380.

However, the airport is investing in the region of R420-million in new infrastructure projects which include the extension of taxiways and the addition of two further aircraft Code F stands to create for capacity for expansion.

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Notes to editors about King Shaka International Airport

One evening at the end of April 2010, Durban Airport closed for good. All through that night, streams of vehicles left the South Coast airport and headed up the coast to a spot some 30kms north of the city. The next morning, 1 May, King Shaka International Airport was up and running and received its first flights.

This remarkable achievement, just in time for the 2010 FIFA World Cup, brought to full fruition decades of planning and debate about construction of a new airport on the Dolphin Coast in the area known as La Mercy.

And, while South Africa's aviation sector boasts many ground-breaking achievements, this one surely ranks near the top. With a terminal area of more than 100 000 square metres, the opening of King Shaka International Airport marked a decisive new era of possibilities for the region.

Located adjacent to the Dube Trade Port, the airport is at the hub of economic growth, contributing R910-million a year to provincial GDP and 1 710 jobs.

And, while King Shaka International Airport is the youngest of Airports Company South Africa's airports, it has garnered many accolades, including being voted the top Regional Airport for Africa in the Skytrax World Airport Awards (2013 to 2016). Most recently, the Airports Council International (ACI) named it the "Best Airport by Region" in its size category.

The impressive international airport boasts 34 aircraft parking bays, 16 air bridges, 72 check-in counters, 18 self-service kiosks, over 60 retail outlets, and 4 500 vehicle parking bays. The 3.7km runway can accommodate the world's largest passenger aircraft and has room to grow.

Now comfortably handling more than five million passengers a year, it can surely not be long before it reaches its capacity of 7.5-million passengers a year and makes use of all that room for growth.

King Shaka International Airport is a strategic member of the air access partnership with the KZN Route Development Committee (DURBAN DIRECT), KZN Growth Coalition and Tourism KZN, which has enabled the province to significantly expand its tourism, business and trade offering.

The increased international passenger capacity has also greatly assisted in ensuring the growth of local exports, with international cargo throughput volumes experiencing a double-digit growth of 25% from January to July 2017.

Notes to editors about Airports Company South Africa

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We manage South Africa's nine principal airports.* In fulfilling this task, Airports Company South Africa enables more than 80 percent of South Africa's commercial air travel. Our airports process 40 million arriving and departing passengers a year.

In the 2017/18 financial year, Airports Company South Africa reported total revenue of R6.9-billion. Currently 52% of Airports Company South Africa revenue is derived from regulated tariffs for aircraft landing and parking fees and a passenger service charge. The remaining 48% is non-aeronautical revenue generated by airport retail, parking, property and other services.

Airports Company South Africa's global footprint extends to technical advisory services and support, airport management, and operating concessions in India, Brazil, Munich, and Ghana.

We also frequently feature among the winners of independently-judged global airport awards. In the 2017 Airports Service Quality awards presented by Airports Council International no less than four of our airports were honoured:

- King Shaka International Airport achieved first place in Best Airport by Region;
- Cape Town International Airport achieved third place in Best Airport by Region;
- Cape Town International Airport was named Best Airport in Africa (over 20 000 air traffic movements) in the Safety Awards; Bram Fischer International Airport achieved first place in Best Airport by Region in the under 2 million passengers category as well as Most Improved Airport; and
- Upington International Airport joined the 2016 Director's Roll of Excellence for being ranked in the top five airports for its category, size and region from 2006 to 2015.

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