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O.R. Tambo International is the first African airport to implement Smart Security checkpoint

Kempton Park, 4 November 2016 – O R Tambo International Airport has become the first African airport to implement the Smart Security checkpoint that will digitise the security check process, speed up passenger progress through security and further enhance security through use of state-of-the-art scanners.

The pilot implementation of the Smart Security system goes live on Tuesday 8 November at the international departures security point at the airport.

From Tuesday, departing international passengers will use the new system that includes a new conveyor system for checking hand luggage and new scanning booth for individual passengers.

Bongiwe Pityi, the General Manager of O R Tambo International Airport, says the new Smart Security system complies with the highest global standards for airport security.

"There are only a few of these high-tech passenger security screening systems in use around the world, and we are very pleased to again be leading the way in terms of enhancing both security and the passenger experience. O.R.Tambo International is consistently rated highly in independent customer surveys and we believe that the advent of Smart Security will further improve the passenger experience," she says.

"Passengers will find that with the new system there will almost be no need for physical pat-downs of passengers who set off security alarms because the scanning technology is much better at detecting objects that should not be carried on or around the person."

Pityi says the first change that passengers will notice is a security turnstile before entering the security area, where boarding passes will be verified electronically before passengers are allowed to proceed to the scanning area. There will also be less frequent requirements for laptops to be removed from bags and switched on.