



REMARKS BY HON. MARTIN WAMBORA, CHAIRMAN, KENYA AIRPORTS AUTHORITY (KAA) DURING THE SIGNING CEREMONY OF A USD 6 MILLION (KSHS.480 MILLION) EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK (EIB) SUPPORT PROGRAMME FOR THE REHABILITATION OF JKIA ON JUNE 21, 2010

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all this morning for the launch ceremony of the signing of a USD 6 million (Kshs.480 Million) technical and project management agreement with the European Investment Bank (EIB). The funds have been availed through the EU Africa Infrastructure Trust Fund.

The European Investment Bank (EIB) will provide a grant of USD 6 million (Kshs.480 million) towards a support program to minimize disruption during the upgrading and rehabilitation of the airport.

Ladies and Gentlemen last year 2009, the European Investment Bank (EIB) agreed to co-finance the JKIA upgrading project and will provide USD 93 million. The French Development Agency will also provide USD 93 million for the Airport upgrading scheme. The negotiations are still continuing and we hope to conclude soon.

Ladies and gentlemen our mandate at the Kenya Airports Authority is to ensure that all our customers are provided with safe, secure and efficient airport facilities with a consistent and comfortable airport experience.

Distinguished guests, in order to achieve this mandate we at KAA are currently working towards implementing the Government's blue print for economic development, the Vision 2030. This program has identified the aviation sector as a key driver towards attaining the goal of propelling this country into a middle income country per capita by the year 2030.

KAA as an Airport operator must therefore continually develop our country's aviation infrastructure to not only cope with demand and capacity constraints but serve as a catalyst for the country's economic prosperity by adequately serving all our customers at World class standards. Indeed the reason why we are here today is to sign off this important agreement to enable us fulfill our mandate to the Kenyan people.

I am pleased to inform you that the expansion project has been progressing well. Phase I is complete and was launched by His Excellency the President of Kenya,

Hon. Mwai Kibaki on the 29th of September 2006, at a cost of 2.6 billion (USD40 million). Works under this contract included civil infrastructure covering apron extension to cater also for the proposed Terminal 4, the associated eastern and western taxiways and airside access roads, including extension of the fuel hydrant system. With the completion of Phase I, the aircraft parking areas have increased from the original 200,000 to 300,000 square meters. The parking bays have also increased from 23 to 43.

Phase II will comprise the construction of the new Terminal 4 with 7 new air bridges, a multi-storey car park with a capacity to accommodate 1,500 parking slots and create 400 new surface parking bays enhancing capacity to 1,900 slots. Phase II will cost about USD 95 million.

Phase III will involve Architectural alterations to the current existing terminal building and includes construction of infills. An additional floor will be built above the Unit 3 building to separate departing and arriving passengers with extensive upgrading of existing terminal, electrical and mechanical systems.

In addition to the above, there will be specialized installations for boarding bridges, Baggage Handling systems, Common Use Terminal Equipment (CUTE), Common Use Self Services (CUSS), CCTV surveillance system and a facilities management system.

Phase IV will comprise of rehabilitation of all pavements, upgrading of the Instrument Landing System from Cat I to II and additional taxiways to improve on runway capacity. Phase IV to cost about USD 48 million.

Once these projects at JKIA are completed, the airport will be able to accommodate 10 million pax up from the current 5 million pax handled today.

Initially the airport was built in 1978 for 2.5million pax and hence the major constraints in capacity currently being experienced.

At this juncture, I would like to thank our other development partners for their support and note in particular, the World Bank for its total loans of USD 34 million (Kshs.2.7 billion) to date and of course the European Union through the EIB for project management.

Once again thank you, our development partners, your contribution towards the rehabilitation and expansion of Jomo Kenyatta International Airport will enable the Kenya Airports Authority achieve it vision to “Be The Airport System Hub of Choice”, in line with the Government’s Vision 2030.

Thank you.