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KAA TO EXPAND KAKAMEGA AIRSTRIP

Kakamega 30th, October 2015 Kenya Airports Authority has announced new plans to expand Kakamega Airstrip. The plans which will take effect immediately will see the extension of the runway from 1.3 kilometers to 2 kilometers to accommodate larger aircrafts, as well as the expansion of the terminal building to allow for the development of VIP facilities.

Speaking during a courtesy call to Kakamega County Government to deliberate on the modalities of a joint venture in executing the plans, KAA Chairman Rtd. IG David Kimaiyo expressed confidence at the new partnership between the authority and Kakamega County government to fast-track the development projects.

“Our key concern is to ensure that there is adequate land for safe and secure airport operations,” said KAA Board Chairman Rtd. IG David Kimaiyo. “Intrinsically aligned with safety and security concerns, is the issue of national cohesion in fostering development. He added.

In his remarks, Kakamega County Government’s Minister for Transport Infrastructure, Public works and Energy Dr. Collins Matemba said that the visit of the Kenya Airports Authority board had given the County government the necessary impetus to resolve the matter of the land acquisition for the expansion of Kakamega airstrip.

Dr. Matemba stated that the promotion of the Western region tourism circuit and the development of Kakamega town hinges on the expansion of the airstrip.

“We have also earmarked the road leading to the airstrip for tarmacking, as we see the importance of the viability of the airstrip for the development of the County.” added Mr. Matema.

The County government of Kakamega committed to acquiring additional land around the airstrip, while Kenya Airports Authority through the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure will fund the expansion of the runway, and terminal building.

Through the request of the County government of Kakamega the Ministry of lands has already surveyed the land that is earmarked for expanding the airstrip, which is regarded as a crucial transport infrastructure in the county.

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Notes to the editor

About Kenya Airports Authority

The Kenya Airports Authority is an autonomous body established in 1991 through an Act of Parliament and is charged with an umbrella responsibility of providing and managing a coordinated system of airports in Kenya.

KAA manages 4 International airports, 4 domestic airports and several airstrips. The main airports managed by KAA are:-Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), Moi International Airport (MIA), Eldoret International Airport (EIA) and Kisumu International Airport (KIA).

All the airports handled a total of 8 million passengers in the year 2012 with JKIA, the flagship currently handling 6 million passengers per annum. JKIA which directly contributes about 10.9% of GDP is currently undergoing expansion and rehabilitation that will see it handle 7.5 million passengers by end 2015.

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