



Gold Coast Airport

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ADCO WINS \$100MILLION AIRPORT TERMINAL CONTRACT

Gold Coast Airport today (23/10) appointed ADCO Constructions as the principal design and construct contractor for a \$100million redevelopment of the airport's main terminal.

Scheduled to start next year, stage one of the project will double the size of the existing facility to almost 27,000 square metres, incorporating domestic and international operations with self service kiosks and 40 common user check-in desks.

The works will accommodate forecast growth for the next 10 years with a further expansion, stage two, scheduled to kick in upon demand.

The project was approved by the Federal Government last month.

The main terminal - incorporating T1 and T2 - currently houses operations for Qantas, Jetstar, Virgin Blue, Freedom Air and Pacific Blue and will welcome AirAsia X from November 2.

More than 3.75 million passengers passed through the current terminal last financial year.

Gold Coast Airport Chief Operating Officer Mr Paul Donovan said the terminal redevelopment would be a shot in the arm for tourism to the Gold Coast and Northern New South Wales.

"With no outside funding or partners, this is the largest single investment in tourism infrastructure by Gold Coast Airport since we first secured the lease over the airport from the Federal Government in 1998," Mr Donovan said.

"This project is in addition to our \$25million runway extension opened in May this year.

"When completed, the terminal will be an impressive, user friendly gateway for passengers and a cost effective facility for airlines. Most importantly, it will give us the space to continue to grow our operations and tourism for the region.

"Detailed design will start immediately with preliminary works scheduled for early 2008. Full construction will start by mid 2008 with a completion date late 2009."

Mr Donovan said the project would be carefully managed to ensure the airport remained fully operational during all phases of the project.

He said contractors ADCO Constructions had been involved with several airport projects to date including several smaller upgrades to Terminal 2.

ADCO Managing Director Richard Carmont says the company is thrilled to be involved in the project.

“The Gold Coast region is a major area of growth in ADCO’s business, we are very pleased playing a leading role in one of the region’s key development projects. The development will provide up to 260 jobs through construction and will be a major boost to the local Gold Coast community,” Mr Carmont said.

Mr Donovan said the redevelopment had been a long time coming.

“The terminal was built in 1981 when the airport welcomed just over 300,000 passengers annually. We now welcome more than 3.75 million passengers per year, 10 times the original figure,” Mr Donovan said.

“While we have undertaken several upgrades over the past few years, our recent growth has necessitated a far more significant expansion and refurbishment of our passenger facilities.”

He said the proposed redevelopment would be undertaken in two stages.

“Stage one involves refurbishing and remodelling the internal area of the existing terminal and increasing the size of the building by more than 13,000 square metres with extensions airside and towards the south.

“The design of stage one will maximise views across the runway and functionality, creating a light and airy feeling with bright colours to reflect the tropical holiday nature of the destination.

“We’ve also taken into consideration the current and future needs of the low cost carrier airlines using the terminal by adopting a common user approach where possible. This includes one check-in area, a common passenger security screening facility and one baggage collection area for all airlines.”

Other key features include:

- Common User Self Service Check-in Kiosks for all airlines;
- Additional space for passenger handling and transfers;
- 100% check bag screening for domestic and international services, in line with current legislation;
- A single central passenger screening point to accommodate and encourage flow-through of both passengers and airport visitors;
- Improved and expanded retail and dining areas;
- Adoption of environmentally sustainable design elements where feasible such as maximising the use of natural light;
- Improved comfortable amenities for patrons; and
- Theming to reflect elements of local tourism campaigns.

Stage 2 will then commence as demand dictates with additional extensions to the terminal to the north and the south, creating another 15,000 square metres of floor space.

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