

## MEDIA RELEASE

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## OFFICE OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR

## Kiunga Airport – Restrictions on Aerodrome Operations

The National Airports Corporation (NAC) would like to advise the travelling public and stakeholders that temporary restrictions will be in place at Kiunga Airport over the coming weeks and months to allow for essential maintenance and upgrade works on the airside.

The Method of Working Plan (MOWP) of first stage of works will see a minor reduction on the length (1,200 meters) of the existing runway to allow works to commence from the 01st of October, 2025 to the 31st of October, 2025. The existing runway will be shortened by 110 meters.

The first stage of works will include works on the new turning node at runway 07 end, and the north-western half of the new apron.

We anticipate works (from stages 1 to 12) on the existing runway, to be fully completed and made available within a period of **thirteen (13) months**. Hence, progressive updates will be provided subsequently as work on site progresses.

Please note that the timing of these works is subject to prevailing weather conditions. Any changes to the schedule will be communicated accordingly.

NAC regrets the disruption this may cause to the traveling public and the airport operations, however, we remain firmly committed to the safety of passengers and aircraft operations at Kiunga Airport.

Working with the NAC-CADIP team, the Contractor will take every measure to minimize delays so that the upgrades progress quickly while maintaining the highest standards of quality. These essential airside improvements are not only necessary for current operations but are also vital to enhancing the long-term safety, reliability, and service of Kiunga Airport.

We apologize for any inconvenience these temporary restrictions may cause and thank the traveling public, operators, and the community for their understanding and cooperation as we undertake and complete this important work at Kiunga Airport.

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