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Image Caption: WBHO, Chief Executive Officer, Wolfgang Neff and Managing Director of RSA Aero, the company that owns and operates Cape Winelands Airport, Nick Ferguson
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Cape Winelands Airport Announces Appointment of Contracting Partner for Major Expansion Programme

Another key milestone achieved as Cape Winelands Airport announces principal contractor for South Africa's next-generation aviation hub

Cape Town, South Africa – 9 December 2025 – Cape Winelands Airport is pleased to announce the entry into an agreement with **WBHO** as the contracting partner for the technical development and construction of the airport as part of the airport's multibillion-rand expansion programme.

"With the contractor now formally on board, the project advances into a crucial new phase – detailed technical development and planning. These appointments will enable the team to begin developing the specific designs and engineering frameworks required to move the project toward construction readiness. This process will also provide clearer insights into overall timelines and costs," explains Deon Cloete, Managing Director of Cape Winelands Airport.

WBHO, the technical development partner for Cape Winelands Airport, is a heavyweight in South Africa's construction sector and one of the country's largest publicly listed firms, with deep expertise in infrastructure, civil engineering, roads, and earthworks. Best known for delivering major infrastructure projects and technically demanding projects, WBHO has built everything from stadiums and dams to airports and highways.

The Cape Winelands Airport expansion, estimated to cost approximately R8 billion, is one of South Africa's most significant aviation infrastructure investments. It includes the construction of a new boutique terminal, extended and realigned runway infrastructure, upgraded airside systems, enhanced cargo and logistics operations, and a modernised general aviation precinct. The airport is expected to sustain approximately 35,000 direct and indirect jobs and could sustain just over 100,000 direct and indirect jobs during its initial 20 years of operation.

“WBHO is honoured to have achieved this significant milestone with the Cape Winelands Team. This partnership will enable the acceleration of the technical design processes and subsequent construction completion of the airport project. A greenfield project of this scale and complexity is one WBHO is excited to be part of. Successful completion will showcase the talent and competence of South Africa’s local development, investment, design and construction capacity in delivering significant economic infrastructure” explains Russell Adams, Director at WBHO.

The enhanced connectivity offered by an additional airport will further strengthen the region’s competitiveness and expand tourism opportunities across the Western Cape and beyond. The airport’s location in the Cape Winelands provides a rare opportunity to design an airport experience that reflects the character and beauty of the Winelands. Cape Winelands Airport aims to establish a world-class aviation and logistics hub that supports economic growth, attracts new investment and enhances regional connectivity. “With WBHO’s proven track record in delivering complex infrastructure projects, the project is positioned to achieve excellence in execution. The teams’ combined expertise strengthens the airport’s commitment to building an efficient, future-ready and environmentally responsible aviation facility,” Cloete added.

This announcement follows the recent confirmation of Growthpoint Properties as a strategic development partner for Cape Winelands Airport, focusing on long-term property and asset management responsibilities across the 450-hectare aviation precinct’s logistics, commercial and hospitality components.

As the project enters its detailed technical development phase, the newly appointed contracting partner will work closely with the Cape Winelands Airport team. This next stage will bring greater clarity on what must be done to achieve construction readiness and the delivery of a future-focused aviation precinct for the Western Cape. Further announcements, including key programme milestones will be made known in the coming weeks.

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ABOUT CAPE WINELANDS AIRPORT:

Cape Winelands Airport, formerly Fisantekraal Airfield, is a privately led airport development located 13 kilometres northeast of Durbanville. Originally established in 1943 as a South African Air Force base for Lockheed Ventura bombers, it was renamed in 2020 to reflect its location in the Cape Winelands. Currently serving as a general aviation facility and a popular base for flight training, plans are underway to expand and to develop a state-of-the-art, green, smart, and innovative aviation precinct that will redefine Cape Winelands Airport as a modern gateway for the region. Visit capewinelands.aero for more information.

ABOUT WBHO:

WBHO follows a culture of safety, quality and reliability. The driving force behind WBHO is a core of dedicated, hands-on management professionals whose experience spans decades of major construction projects across Africa and the United Kingdom. Visit wbho.co.za for more information.

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