



Project Initiation Report

1. Project Details

Project Name	Cape Winelands Airport
Location	City of Cape Town
Sector	Economic
Department	Private Sector
Project Owner	Adele Klingenberg
Project Manager	Deon Cloete

1.1 Background & Justification

The Cape Winelands Airport (CWA) project arises from the need to address growing capacity constraints, resilience challenges, and long-term economic development requirements within the Western Cape's aviation and logistics system. Cape Town International Airport currently serves as the region's sole commercial aviation gateway, creating operational pressure, limited redundancy, and reduced flexibility for airlines, freight operators, and emergency response. The redevelopment of the historic Fisantekraal Airfield into a modern, world-class airport provides a strategic solution to these challenges while unlocking new economic opportunities in the northern metropolitan area. CWA is strategically positioned to function as Cape Town's second international gateway and a designated destination alternate airport, improving system resilience, airline efficiency, and environmental performance. By reducing diversion distances and reserve fuel requirements, the project supports lower emissions, reduced operating costs, and enhanced payload capacity for cargo and passengers. Beyond aviation, CWA is conceived as a multi-phase infrastructure catalyst, integrating logistics, agri-industrial value chains, renewable energy, and commercial development within a single, systems-based platform. The project is justified by strong policy alignment with the Western Cape Infrastructure Framework 2050, national transport and spatial development frameworks, and the province's climate-resilient growth agenda. With Environmental Authorisation granted in October 2025 and extensive feasibility, environmental, and socio-economic assessments completed, CWA represents a timely, de-risked, and investment-ready response to long-term regional connectivity, economic inclusion, and sustainable development needs.

1.2 Project Scope

The Cape Winelands Airport (CWA) project comprises the phased redevelopment of the former Fisantekraal Airfield into a modern, internationally compliant aviation and logistics hub. The scope of work includes the design, construction, commissioning, and operation of a **3.5 km Code 4F runway**, passenger and cargo terminals, general aviation facilities, air traffic and navigational systems, fuel and maintenance infrastructure, and associated landside access. Enabling works include bulk services, road connectivity, renewable energy generation, water and waste management systems, and environmental mitigation measures in accordance with the approved Environmental Management Programme. Phase 1 focuses on core airport infrastructure and operational readiness, while Phase 2 expands the development into a **multimodal logistics, agribusiness, and airport city precinct** incorporating commercial, hospitality, and industrial uses. The scope further encompasses digital systems integration, security, safety compliance, and long-term operations and maintenance, delivered through a public-private partnership framework aligned with national aviation standards and provincial infrastructure priorities.

2. Objectives & Key Focus Areas

Objective	Key Focus Area
Develop a High-Impact, Resilient Aviation and Logistics Gateway	• Prioritising Infrastructure for Maximum Impact • Innovation & Futures Planning
Mobilise Private Capital through Structured Public–Private Partnerships	• Prioritising Infrastructure for Maximum Impact • Enhancing Private Sector Partnerships
Deliver Climate-Smart, Inclusive, and Regenerative Infrastructure	• Innovation & Futures Planning • Addressing Climate Change & Sustainability

3. Project Timeline & Cost

Estimated Duration	20 Year(s) & 0 Month(s)
Estimated Start Date	01 Jun 2026
Estimated Amt	R 10B

4. Submission & Approval

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