



**ST. JOHN'S**  
*International Airport Authority*

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## **Media Statement**

### **Improvement and Expansion Plans Progress on Schedule**

***Runway Construction is 65 per cent complete and on schedule for final completion at end of November; and expansion to the Terminal Building is starting to take shape***

**For Thursday, September 3, 2015**

St. John's International Airport Authority announced today that improvements being made to its primary runway as part of the work required for the installation and operation of a Category III Instrument Landing System (CAT 3 ILS) by NAV Canada, are 65 per cent complete and remain on schedule for final completion at the end of November.

Since the primary runway closed on June 1, 2015, 96.7 per cent of flights arrived and departed on schedule. A total of two flights were impacted during the month of August as a result of the primary runway being unavailable due to construction. Low visibility conditions that required CAT 3 ILS technology for flight operations impacted an additional 28 flights during the month of August. Once this project is complete and CAT 3 ILS is operational in 2016, 99 per cent of flights will be able to arrive and depart on schedule.

The next runway construction milestone is the partial reopening of the primary runway on September 30, 2015, followed by the reopening of the entire primary runway scheduled for the end of November.

In addition, the first phase of the Airport Terminal Building expansion has started to take shape. On August 10, the external structural steel erection began on the east end (departures) area of the building, and will be completed at the end of November. The entire east expansion (145,000 square feet) is scheduled for completion in April 2018.

Further information about the Airport Improvement and Expansion Plans can be found on the Airport Authority's website (<http://stjohnsairport.com/expansion-yyt/>) including a link to a video (<http://bit.ly/1JPVTtJ>) that outlines the progress made up to the end of August 2015.

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