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## **Media Statement**

### **Primary Runway Partially Reopens at St. John's International Airport**

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**For Wednesday, September 30, 2015**

St. John's International Airport Authority announced today that the primary runway will partially reopen this evening at 7:00 p.m. Six thousand feet of the total 8,500 foot runway will be available for aircraft operations, as well as the 7,000 foot secondary runway, both sufficient for all regularly scheduled aircraft to St. John's International Airport to operate. The primary runway was closed on June 1 to complete the extensive three-year infrastructure project required for the installation and operation of a Category III Instrument Landing Systems (CAT 3 ILS) by NAV Canada, as well as the complete rehabilitation of the entire runway. The work is 85 per cent complete and remains on schedule for final completion at the end of November.

Since the primary runway closed on June 1, 2015, 97.5 per cent of flights arrived and departed on schedule. Four flights were impacted during the month of September as a result of construction on the primary runway and the unavailability of CAT 2 ILS required for low visibility operations. 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 reopening of the entire primary runway scheduled for the end of November. Further information about the Airport Improvement and Expansion Plans can be found on the Airport Authority's website (<http://stjohnsairport.com/expansion-yyt/>).

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