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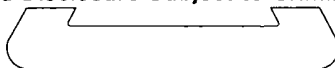


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AIRFIELD RENOVATION
NGIVA AIRFIELD, ANGOLA (SWN)



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1. **SIGNIFICANCE:** SINCE EARLY JULY, THE SOUTH AFRICANS HAVE BEEN REPAIRING THE RUNWAY AND PARKING APRON AT NGIVA AIRFIELD, THEIR PRIME LOGISTICS AND STAGING BASE IN SOUTHERN ANGOLA. (SWN)

2. **REMARKS:** [REDACTED] APPROXIMATELY 60 PERCENT OF THE 2,500-METER BLACKTOP RUNWAY HAD BEEN REPAIRED AND RESURFACED. WORK WAS CONTINUING ON REPAIRING THE REMAINDER OF THE RUNWAY AND THE LARGE PARKING APRON. A LARGE RECTANGULAR AREA HAS BEEN CLEARED OF VEGETATION AND GRADED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE RUNWAY; HOWEVER, THE PURPOSE OF THIS CLEARING CANNOT BE DETERMINED AT THIS TIME. ALTHOUGH AIRCRAFT INCLUDING C-47 AND KUDU WERE ABLE TO USE THE AIRFIELD DURING THE EARLY PHASE OF REPAIR ACTIVITY, ONLY PUMA AND ALOUETTE HELICOPTERS HAVE BEEN SEEN HERE SINCE MID-JULY. (SWN)

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ANALYST'S COMMENTS: NGIVA AIRFIELD, WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY 25 NM NORTH OF THE ANGOLA-NAMIBIA BORDER, HAS PROBABLY BEEN UNDER SOUTH AFRICAN CONTROL SINCE THE CONCLUSION OF OPERATION PROTEA IN SEPTEMBER 1981. SOUTH AFRICAN AIRCRAFT AND HELICOPTERS HAVE BEEN SEEN HERE REGULARLY SINCE DECEMBER 1981, HOWEVER, THERE HAS BEEN NO OBSERVATION OF ANY TRANSPORT LARGER THAN A C-47. UPON COMPLETION OF THE CURRENT REPAIR PROGRAM, LARGER TRANSPORTS SUCH AS THE C-130 AND C-160 (TRANSALL) MAY UTILIZE THIS AIRFIELD. IRONICALLY, THE PATCHED AREAS ON THE RUNWAY ARE REPAIR EFFORTS FOR CRATERS CAUSED BY SET CHARGES DETONATED BY SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES WHILE WITHDRAWING FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE ANGOLAN CIVIL WAR IN MARCH 1976. (SWN)



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3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 17-02-40S 015-41-25E (S)



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