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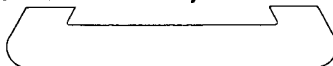


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NEW CONTINGENCY AIRFIELD
ELLISRAS AIRFIELD SOUTHWEST, SOUTH AFRICA (SWN)



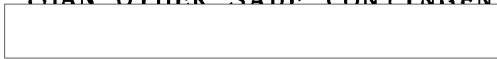
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1. SIGNIFICANCE: THE COMPLETION OF ELLISRAS AIRFIELD SOUTHWEST HAS UPGRADED THE SOUTH AFRICAN DEFENSE FORCE (SADF) NETWORK OF CONTINGENCY AIRFIELDS IN THE NORTHERN TRANSVAAL REGION. (SWN)

2. REMARKS: [REDACTED] CONSTRUCTION OF THE RUNWAY AND PARKING FACILITIES AT ELLISRAS AIRFIELD SOUTHWEST WAS COMPLETE AND THE AIRFIELD APPEARED TO BE FULLY OPERATIONAL. THIS AIRFIELD WAS FIRST IDENTIFIED IN AN EARLY STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION IN JUNE 1982. THE AIRFIELD IS 4.5 NM SOUTHWEST OF ELLISRAS AND 22 NM SOUTHEAST OF THE BOTSWANA-SOUTH AFRICA BORDER. AIRFIELD FACILITIES INCLUDE A BLACKTOP 2,200- BY 30-METER, EAST/WEST RUNWAY WITH A LARGE REVETTED PARKING APRON ADJACENT TO THE CENTER OF THE RUNWAY AND CONNECTED TO THE RUNWAY BY TWO LINK TAXIWAYS. ANOTHER SMALLER PARKING APRON IS AT THE EAST END OF THE RUNWAY. ADDITIONAL GRADING AND CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY IN THE SUPPORT AREA INDICATES THE SUPPORT FACILITIES WILL PROBABLY BE EXPANDED. (SWN)

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THIS AIRFIELD IS PART OF A NETWORK OF AIRFIELDS BUILT AT INTERVALS ALONG SOUTH AFRICA'S NORTHERN BORDERS. THESE AIRFIELDS SERVE AS CONTINGENCY AIRFIELDS IN SUPPORT OF SADF BORDER OPERATIONS. THE MORE EXTENSIVE SUPPORT FACILITIES AND THE LONGER RUNWAY AT ELLISRAS AIRFIELD SOUTHWEST, SUGGESTS THAT THIS AIRFIELD MAY HAVE A MORE IMPORTANT ROLE THAN OTHER SADF CONTINGENCY AIRFIELDS. (SWN)



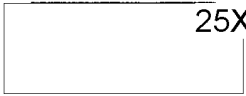
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3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 23-43-06S 027-41-09E (S)



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