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Work starts on first phase of the new combined domestic and international terminal

Auckland Airport has started the ground works to extend its international baggage hall, one of several construction projects that mark the first phase of the airport's new combined domestic and international terminal.

The 90 metre extension will increase the international baggage hall floor area by approximately 2,500 square metres. It will cost \$8.4 million and will be completed by 30 November 2014.

Adrian Littlewood, Auckland Airport's chief executive, says, "We are committed to delivering on our 30-year vision for the 'airport of the future' and the expansion of our international baggage hall is the first step of many towards a new combined domestic and international terminal."

"An additional, sixth, baggage belt is required in the international baggage hall before the 2014 summer peak travel season and will have sufficient capacity to handle the luggage from an A380 flight. We also expect a seventh baggage belt will be required shortly thereafter due to further passenger growth," says Mr Littlewood.

Auckland Airport announced its 30-year vision for the airport in March. It includes building the combined domestic and international terminal, and building a second runway by around 2025 with a possible 890m extension in

30 to 50 years. The airport estimates that the number of passengers using the airport every year will almost treble, from 14.5 million people in 2013 to 40 million people in 2044 and the number of flights almost double from 150,000 a year in 2013 to 260,000 in 2044.

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Note for media: Attached is a photo of Auckland Airport chief executive, Adrian Littlewood, starting the ground works to extend the international baggage hall.

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