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SAA CONSOLIDATES SELECTED DOMESTIC FLIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICES TO MUNICH

JOHANNESBURG, 21 JANUARY 2020 – South African Airways (SAA) is in the process of consolidating selected domestic flights between the airline’s main hub, Oliver Tambo International Airport Johannesburg (JNB) and Cape Town (CPT), as well as between Johannesburg (JNB) and Durban’s King Shaka (DUR) airports.

SAA is working closely with its sister airline, Mango, to re-accommodate passengers on alternative services operated by both airlines to minimise disruption, and thereby ensure passengers reach their destination as quickly as possible.

The following domestic flights operated by SAA have been cancelled:

Johannesburg (JNB) – Cape Town (CPT)

SA303	Depart 0530	Arrive 0735	Dates: 20, 21 & 24 January
SA307	Depart 0700	Arrive 0905	Dates: 21 January

Cape Town (CPT) – Johannesburg (JNB)

SA316	Depart 0820	Arrive 1015	Dates: 20, 21 & 24 January
SA322	Depart 0950	Arrive 1145	Dates: 21 January

Johannesburg (JNB) – Durban (DUR)

SA527	Depart 0630	Arrive 0735	Dates: 20, 21,22 & 23 January
SA543	Depart 0955	Arrive 1100	Dates: 20, 21,22 & 23 January
SA571	Depart 1655	Arrive 1800	Dates: 20 & 21 January

Durban (DUR) – Johannesburg (JNB)

SA534	Depart 0805	Arrive 0910	Dates: 20, 21,22 & 23 January
SA550	Depart 1130	Arrive 1235	Dates: 20,21, 22 & 23 January
SA578	Depart 1840	Arrive 1945	Dates: 20 & 21 January

On the international network, SAA is cancelling selected services between Johannesburg (JNB) and Munich (MUC). SAA will re-accommodate passengers on its services between Johannesburg (JNB) and Frankfurt (FRA) as well as London Heathrow (LHR). Some passengers travelling to Munich, and others travelling via Munich to other destinations, will be re-accommodated for some of their journey on partner airlines in the Star Alliance to minimise delays.

The following flights have been cancelled:

Johannesburg (JNB) – Munich (MUC)

SA264 Depart 2115 Arrive 0700 Dates: 20, 21,22,23 & 24 January

Munich (MUC) – Johannesburg (JNB)

SA265 Depart 2030 Arrive 0820 Dates: 20, 21,22,23 & 24 January

These decisions are in line with SAA’s usual policy of reviewing flights and consolidating services with low demand. Furthermore, during the current process of Business Rescue, these cancellations represent a responsible strategy to conserve cash and optimise the airline’s position ahead of any further capital investment.

The consolidation on the Cape Town route is also necessary as SAA has been operating training flights for pilots on the new state-of-the-art Airbus 350-900 aircraft on this route, before transferring the new planes to international routes.

The introduction of these larger aircraft has resulted in temporary surplus capacity on the route.

SAA will be reviewing further possible flight schedule amendments over the coming days. Any operational changes will be communicated to our travel trade partners and customers at the earliest opportunity and passengers will be re-accommodated on other airlines wherever possible.

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