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NEWSFLASH - MARCH 2020

MANGO PULLS OUT OF LANSERIA

Mango will cease operations out of Lanseria Airport from the 1st of April centralizing its Johannesburg services to operate out of OR Tambo International Airport.

SINGAPORE AIRLINES CANCEL FLIGHTS

Singapore Airlines will cut select services across its network as the Covid-19 (coronavirus) outbreak continues to cause demand for flights to Singapore to fall. Flight SQ481 from Johannesburg to Singapore on 1st of April is one of over 650 cancelled flights. The airline will also cancel selected flights to New York, Los Angeles and Seattle in the US and Frankfurt, Paris, Copenhagen and London in Europe. Selected flights to Tokyo, Seoul, Jakarta, Penang and Kuala Lumpur in Southeast Asia are affected until the end of May. The airline says it will monitor the situation and make further adjustments as necessary.

TRAVEL INSURERS REINSTATE SAA COVER

Travel Insurance Consultants (TIC), Bryte Insurance Company have repositioned their outlook for South African Airways by reinstating cover and suspending stop-sells. TIC and Bryte are now offering essential insurance services across the trade and protecting pax choosing to fly with SAA.

NEW LOUNGE TO OPEN IN OTTAWA

Swissport will open its latest Aspire lounge at Ottawa International Airport. Eligible passengers will have access to the lounge. The lounge's

four sections give customers the option to dine, work, lounge or relax. Features include free WiFi, charging facilities, restrooms, lockers, cable television, flight information and a buffet of complimentary food and beverages.

BA SIGNS FIRST AFRICAN CODESHARE

British Airways and Royal Air Maroc have signed a codeshare agreement that will give BA passengers new routes across Morocco and more flight flexibility between London Heathrow and Marrakesh.

BRAZIL AIRPORTS INSTALL SELF-SERVICE STATIONS

New self-service gates have been installed at two airports in Brazil: Fortaleza Airport (FOR) and Porto Alegre Airport (POA). There are 26 self-service gates there are 14 at Fortaleza Airport and 12 at Porto Alegre Airport. Passengers can gain automated entry to the security checking area with just a scan of their boarding pass.

TURKISH AIRLINES TO INCREASE 2020 FREQUENCIES

Turkish Airlines will increase international flights to Turkey from various destinations this year. The airline will operate 74 weekly flights from 20 destinations to Antalya including flights from Moscow which will increase from seven to 14 a week.

MOZAMBIQUE TRAVEL ADVISORY

The UK FCO advises against all but essential travel to districts in Mozambique due to Islamic extremism attacks. The districts are: Nangade, Quissanga, Ibo, Macomia,

Mocimboa da Praia, Palma, Meluco, Mueda and Muidumbe in Cabo Delgado province as well as islands off the coast. Travellers should follow the advice of officials in the areas.

SAA- GERMANY / SOUTH AFRICA

SAA's flights to Munich expected to be cut by the 29th of February will now be extended to the 21st of April with the last flight bound for Johannesburg leaving Munich on the 20th of April.

QANTAS - BRISBANE / SAN FRANCISCO

Qantas now offers three direct flights a week between Brisbane and San Francisco.

ETHIOPIAN AIRLINES TO FLY JNB ROUTE

Ethiopian Airlines will operate the Boeing 787 Dreamliner on all three daily flights between Johannesburg and Addis Ababa from the 29th of March.

SOUTH AFRICA - SMASH AND GRAB WARNINGS

Nyanga police has issued a smash and grab warning for travelers waiting at red traffic lights on Borchers Quarry Road close to Cape Town International Airport. This comes after such incidents were caught on camera over the past fortnight. Travellers should maintain a safe following distance keep their valuables in their car boot and should not travel with possessions visible on their vehicle's back or passenger seats.