



Event	Press conference
Subject	Start of construction works at the Lviv International Airport
Date	09 April 2009
Location	Lviv Airport, Ukraine

Introduction:

The press conference was held after a ceremony of the official start of construction works at the Lviv airport. Key officials responsible for this project took part in the ceremony, namely Mr. Yosyp Vinskiy - the Minister of Transport and Communication of Ukraine, Mr. Alexandr Davydiv - the Head of the State Aviation Administration of Ukraine, Mr. Yuriy Cherednichenko - the Head of Ukrainian Air Traffic Control Service and Mr. Alexandr Zagreva - the Director of the Lviv International Airport. Ukrainian officials laid a capsule that symbolizes the official start of reconstruction works of the Lviv airport runway. Also a prayer service was held on the construction site to bless the future runway.

Minutes:

During the press conference Mr. Vinskiy informed that Lviv airfield reconstruction works will be financed at the expenses of the State budget. The project design was developed by Ukraeroproekt and the estimated project cost is 970 million UAH. The total artificial surface area that would be reconstructed is 377 thousand sq meters, including 180 thousand sq meters of the runway, 60 thousand sq meters of taxiways and 137 sq meters of aprons. After the reconstruction, the runway length would be prolonged from current 2500 meters to 3200 meters that will enable to handle transcontinental aircrafts. Contractors for these projects had been also defined already; these are two Ukrainian construction companies: Azovintex and Zoloti Vorota. Azovintex is also the general contractor for the Lviv Stadium construction, and Zoloti Vorota corporation has recently finished the Zhulyany airport runway reconstruction and is currently involved in a highway reconstruction between Lviv Oblast border and Zhytomyr city.

Mr. Vinskiy also informed on the current status of passenger terminal development of the Lviv airport. According to his words, Tebodin Ukraine has already presented the conceptual design of the new terminal with passenger terminal capacity of 1000 passengers per hour. The final project design shall be available in June 2009. The Government of Ukraine plans to attract a private investor to finance this project. Mr. Vinskiy also informed that a railway connection between the Airport and Central train station is also planned within the project of the Lviv Airport development to a strong international transport hub.

