

Comair to pioneer flights to new destination

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COMAIR has been selected as the preferred bidder in the process to provide a scheduled air service to the island of St Helena, off the west coast of Africa.

This follows the 2011 announcement by the St Helena government that it had entered into a R2,7 billion contract with South African

construction group, Basil Read, to build the island's first airport. It is expected to open early next year.

"Comair is proposing a weekly flight between Johannesburg and St Helena, using a Boeing 737-800 aircraft," the St Helena government said in a statement. "Through Comair's partnerships with numerous international airlines, the St Helena air service will offer

connections to international route networks, via Johannesburg, to destinations such as London, Amsterdam, Paris, Sydney and Hong Kong."

The government of St Helena said it would hold detailed discussions with Comair over the next few weeks and make a formal, more detailed announcement once these had been concluded. ■