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South Africa Post Office signs contract with Ethiopian Airlines

- Connecting airmail service to Africa and China

The joint Business Rescue Practitioners, ('BRP's') of the Post Office, Mr Anoosh Rooplal and Mr Juanito Damons are pleased to have signed a contract with Ethiopian Airlines to provide airmail services to additional international destinations.

This follows the partnership with Swiss Air and consequent reinstatement of international mail service to Europe and Japan with Swiss Air in October 2023.

The partnership with Ethiopian Air will enable the Post Office to deliver and receive mail from China. Ethiopian Air will deliver the mail four times a week to their hub in Addis Ababa from where mail will be transported to the various African destinations. All African countries, excluding those sharing the border with South Africa, where mail has and will continue to be delivered by road transportation, will be included.

Anoosh Rooplal noted, "with the new partnership, we intend to clear all the back log mail to China and the respective African countries during February".

Outgoing international airmail services which include Expedited Mail Service, Airmail parcels and Airmail Registers, can be tracked via the Post Office website.

Airmail destined for Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands were cleared in December 2023, through Qantas Airways, which the Post Office contracts with on a month to month basis. The Post Office also uses Qantas Airways to clear airmail to South East Asian Countries, excluding China, which is handled by Ethiopian Air.

"We are working to partner with an additional airline to handle the North America airmail demand. In the meantime, Ethiopian Airlines and Swiss Air will service this route, albeit with limited capacity", concluded Rooplal.

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