Greetings fellow aviation enthusiasts,

As at the 27th of September 2017 it’s all systems go to move our beloved Lockheed L1649A Starliner, ZS-DVJ, from Denel, via OR Tambo International Airport, to Rand Airport in Germiston.

Do not however hold your breath – we’ve had numerous delays, for a variety of reasons, so just keep it at the back of your minds that the project could be called off at very short notice!

Below is the current plan of action as supplied by project leader Matt Harvey.

Move from Denel, through ACSA (OR Tambo) and on to Rand Airport on Sunday morning, 8 October, starting at 00h01.

Three Transcor supplied low-loaders will depart Denel property and enter ACSA property and cross the runway and move down to gate EG3 via Taxiway Yankee.

GPS for gate EG3 is -26.166025, 28.244421

Click link below for Google Maps satellite image of gate EG3
https://www.google.co.za/maps/place/26%C2%B009'57.7%22S+28%C2%B014'39.9%22E/@-26.166025,28.242269,645m/data=!3m2!1e3!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0x0!8m2!3d-26.166025!4d28.244421

Friday 6th October.

Three horse and trailers will arrive at 09h00 at Denel (North Gate).

Two 50-tonne cranes, sponsored by Marlboro Crane Hire, will arrive. First load one wing then the fuselage and then the other wing. If all goes well we will not require anything further to be done on the Saturday. (Saturday is backup day should problems arise).

Saturday 7th October

At 23h00 horses return and connect up to trailers and prepare to move.

ACSA will be ready at 00h01 and we may then proceed onto the Airport grounds. Only the horse and trailers will be allowed onto the Airport grounds under escort. We will meet them at Gate EG3 after leaving Denel.

Sunday 8th October.

Convoy will leave from the side of Springbok road at 20 minutes after Sunrise with the GTN Traffic department and onward to Rand Airport. Media may start at the Springbok road departure point, sorry no media at the Denel side or on ACSA property!

Eta at Rand Airport (Phoebus Apollo entrance in Rand Airport road) is 10h00

GPS for Phoebus Apollo entrance is -26.237452, 28.157715.

Click link below for Google Maps satellite image of Phoebus Apollo entrance.
https://www.google.co.za/maps/place/26%C2%B014'14.8%22S+28%C2%B009'27.8%22E/@-26.237452,28.1555209,644m/data=!3m2!1e3!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0x0!8m2!3d-26.237452!4d28.157775

For more information on the Starliner visit the SAA Museum Society Starliner website pages as follows:
http://www.saamuseum.co.za/our-aircraft/71.html (History of ZS-DVJ)

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