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CONSTRUCTION STARTS ON NEW AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE BUILDING

Construction has started on a new Adelaide Airport office complex, which will house the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and its on-airport operations.

The 2,400 square metre building within the airport's Export Park precinct includes two storeys of office space, undercroft car parking, and will have a 4-star Green Star and 4½-star NABERS rating. The premises will be leased exclusively to the AFP.

Adelaide Airport Ltd (AAL) Managing Director, Phil Baker, said the project will be undertaken by Sarah Constructions and is scheduled for completion in mid 2012.

Mr Baker said investment in commercial property development was a very important part of AAL's business.

"The AFP building is the latest in a number of recent on-airport developments. These developments and commercial leasing opportunities significantly contribute to our ability to upgrade our core infrastructure, such as the new multi-level car park and planned expansion of Terminal 1," Mr Baker said.

"We've recently seen the completion of the 18,000 square metre Manuele Engineering steel fabrication complex in the Morphett Precinct, and Boart Longyear has moved into its new office and technological warehouse in Burbridge Business Park.

"There have also been several strategic relocations over the past year to make way for the new car park and pedestrian plaza, and associated changes to the road network."

Mr Baker said commercial property opportunities had proved popular at Adelaide Airport because of its excellent multiple transport links and its close proximity to the CBD.

The airport also offered a range of on-airport services including cafes, retail precincts, a supermarket and even a childcare centre.

Significant commercial development opportunities still remain at the airport.