Toamasina is home to the largest port in Madagascar and this is why it is called the country’s economic capital. Most of the trade exchanges of the Big Island goes through Toamasina, which also has a significant productive fabric; in addition to the presence of Ambatovy, the largest mining project ever conducted in Madagascar. Toamasina is thus a leading business destination, as evidenced by the large portion of economic operators in the air traffic. But tourism is also a sector that is experiencing continued growth in Toamasina and in surrounding areas.

The country’s second largest city can also rely on major structural projects to boost its economy, such as the extension of the port, the construction of the Volobe hydroelectric power plant or the Antananarivo-Toamasina (TaTom) project. These prospects will undoubtedly have a positive impact on the air transport sector and largely justify the perspective to complete as quickly as possible the extension of the Toamasina international airport.

The Toamasina International Airport is located 5 km northwest of the city of Toamasina. The airport’s development prospects are limited as the existing infrastructures are no longer adapted to the market requirements. The degradation and the low bearing capacity of the airfield pavements do not allow accommodating large aircrafts. The small size of the passenger terminal is also a mismatch with the prospects for traffic development. The runway shoulders and the ramps need to be further developed, and the aircraft parking stands need to be able to accommodate several large aircrafts simultaneously. The limited length of the runway also hinders the growth of airport traffic.

The project to develop and extend the Toamasina airport aims to improve air connectivity between the regions of Madagascar and with the outside world by bringing the technical and commercial operation of the airport up to standards in order to accommodate large aircrafts, such as the A340 or B777. The goal is to make this platform the hub for the country’s eastern region.
ADEMA is turning to private investors in view of establishing a partnership relationship. The company also intends to build on the international expertise of its future partner(s) to enable the Toamasina airport to optimize its development.

**Expected results:**
- Airport able to accommodate A340 and B777 type large aircrafts.

**Works and acquisitions to be achieved:**
- Reinforcing the airfield pavements
- Developing the runway shoulders and ramps
- Widening the runway width from 40m to 45m
- Adding 600m to the runway
- Extending the existing passenger terminal
- Extending the tarmac and car parking
- Installing anti-blast barriers on the tarmac
- Developing SLI service lanes (walkways, etc.)
- Developing runway strips
- Building new passenger terminal for regional and long-haul flights
- Building the freight terminal
- Developing the General Aviation Area...
- Building a new power plant

**A340 widebody jet action rays from Toamasina airport**

**LENGTH OF RUNWAY = 2800nm**
**MAXIMUM MASS AT TAKE-OFF = 260000 kg**
**DISTANCE TRAVELED = 5200nm**
**AVERAGE LOAD OFFERED = 34000kg**
**NUMBER OF PASSENGER = 260**

**Distance table:**
- TMM GIG 5,135 nm
- TMM DKR 4,420 nm
- TMM CDG 4,728 nm
- TMM DXB 2,614 nm
- TMM DEL 3,220 nm
- TMM CAN 4,495 nm
- TMM SIN 3,430 nm
- TMM PER 3,667 nm