## Jambojet plans to start African flights in Dec

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lamboiet has set a December target for launching international operations on II new routes after the budget carrier acquired a new aircraft from a Moşcow-based leasing company

as part of its expansion

The firm Q400 from Abu Dhabi Aviation in

The low-cost airline, a subsidiary of Kenya Airways, expects to receive regulatory approval to

expand business beyond Kenya later this month, having fulfilled all conditions. Jambojet has applied to fly to Dar es Salaam, Zanzibar, and Kilimaniaro in Tanzania, Blantyre and

SHILLINGS

Cost of the aircraft which Jam-bojet acquired from a Moscow based leasing company last

Lilongwe in Malawi as well as to Uganda, Ethiopia, Somalia, and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) among others.

To serve its domestic customers and the upcoming routes, lamboiet has leased a 78-seater Bombardier Q400 from Ilyushin Finance Co (IFC), with a second aircraft scheduled for delivery in November.

"I hope to get our air service licence (ASL) later this month. The moment we receive the sec-



NEW ROUTES Travellers alight from a Jambojet plane in Kisumu. - PLE

ond aircraft we will be ready to launch our regional routes," said Willem Hondius, Jambojet chief

"We have fulfilled all that is

required of us and I do not know which routes we shall start off with since this is subject to negotiations with our parent company Kenya Airways.

Mr Hondius was speaking in Toronto, Canada, last Wednesday when receiving the new aircraft at Bombardier's factory.

The plane, which is valued at Sh3.2 billion, arrived in the country on Sunday and is scheduled to start operations

Jambojet flies to six routes in Kenya; from Nairobi to Mombasa, Eldoret, Kisumu, Lamu, Malindi and Ukunda.

The airline, which launched in 2014, has been in the market for new aircraft to serve the busy coastal routes, which were in December hit by flight delays and cancellations.

The firm leased a Q400 from Abu Dhabi Aviation in January to replace one of the older ver sions of the aircraft in its fleet and stabilise operations since another plane was out on maintenance.

"I hope to have between eight and 10 aircraft in the next five years. We shall keep to one aircraft type to keep maintenance costs low," said Mr Hondius.

"With the new planes our reliability will improve greatly. Whatever happened in December should never happen TREATMENT



## Kenya eyes portal for medical tourists

Public and private medical stakeholders are pushing for setting up of a central online information portal to market available specialised services to locals and attract foreign medical tourists.

The International Health Conference held in Nairobi heard that Kenya has diverse and unique services and spe cialist surgeons but lack of information leads to many paying high costs to Indian-based hospitals for services available locally.

Kenyatta National Hospital acting deputy director of Clinical Services Bernard Githae said renal services, equipment and specialists were available but many patients kept flying to India for the same.

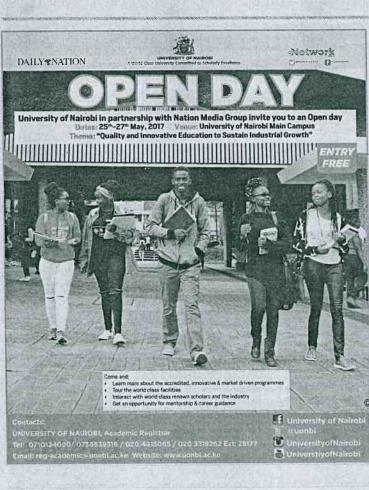
"Kenyans continue to rely on oral doctor-to-doctor referrals for lack of a centralised information system to inform our people what individual hospitals offer, their costs and available surgeons.

'Some hospitals rely on the same medical specialists but costs differ based on the tar get market by individual hos pitals," he said.

Vision 2030 Secretaria Director General Julius Muia said the board would allocate some funds for the establishment of the porta and fund a survey to gauge local facilities' preparednes in terms of equipment and

"We need to identify the hospitals as per their spe cialty and competence.

"The study will help creat a standard practice based or specialities to build training hubs for various ailments, he said.



## CAK okays sale of Centum's 26.43pc stake in Kenya Wine

**ACQUISITION** The deal, estimated at Sh1 billion, raises Distell's share in Kwal to 52.43pc

Brian Ngugi

The Competition Authority of Kenya (CAK) has approved the buyout of Centum's entire 26.43 per cent stake in State-owned Kenya Wine Agencies Ltd (Kwal) by South Africa distiller, Distell.

The deal, estimated at ShI bil-

announced In April it had acquired Centum's entire 26.43

lion, brings to 52.43 per cent foreign firm's ownership of the wines and other alcoholic bever ages marketer. CAK, through a

gazette notice last Friday, gave the go-ahead for the transaction indicating that Distell's higher stake in Kwal will not negatively affect competition.

...it is notified that the Competition Authority of Kenya has approved the proposed acquisition of an additional 26 per cent shareholding in Kwal Holdings



SPIRIT MASTERS Distell owns the

East Africa Limited by Distell International Holdings Limited," said CAK director-general Wang'ombe Kariuki.

Distell, the owner of Amarula and Viceroy brands, announced in April it had acquired Centum's entire 26.43 per cent stake in Kwal for an unknown value.

"Spirits have been the fastest growing segment of Kenya's alcoholic beverage industry and growth is anticipated to remain robust," said Donovan Hegland, managing director at Distell Af-