

Project Management Update from Belo Horizonte



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YES, THERE IS A PROJECT

Yes, I admit. My last reports are so pessimistic. Things, actually, are getting worse in Minas Gerais and Brazil.

But there is an important and major project that is underway in Minas Gerais.

The Confins International Airport (see photo) was object of concession to state owned Infraero and a joint venture formed by two private companies (a Brazilian and a Swiss).

In the concession agreement there is an obligation to invest to implement a new terminal, with 17 boarding bridges and expand yards and runways, all this until April 2016.

The budget for this is R\$700 million, something like US\$200 million (because the recent real devaluation).



Unfortunately there will be delays because the required environmental permits have not been issued due to a long strike by agency officials responsible and the traditional slowness of the authorities in these matters.

It is curious to note that in a country which technically is in recession, having had its third consecutive quarter with negative growth, Brazilian airlines transported never so many people as in the first half of 2015. So, airports are having a huge demand also.

The company owner of airport concession calculates that they will invest additional R\$ 2,3 billion (US\$ 660 million) during the next 30 years. This includes a new runway and another terminal among other things. We can speculate that this amount is underestimated.

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