

Eng Lim wins \$60m airshow deal

[SINGAPORE] Singapore Airshow announced yesterday it has awarded Eng Lim Construction a \$60 million contract for the new Changi North site where the 2008 airshow event will be held. The 30-hectare site will be developed from reclaimed land adjacent to Changi Airport, with the contract covering the first phase of the development plans, the organiser said yesterday. Phase One includes building the main 40,000 square metre hall, the static display apron, mobility park, car park facilities, and amenities for the airshow and exhibition site. Piling works are expected to begin in two weeks.

Eng Lim's previous construction projects include Sats Airfreight Terminal 6.

"Singapore Airshow is the biggest air-

show in Asia. We need to move in tandem with the global business and marketing opportunities for the aviation and defence technology industries," Singapore Airshow managing director Jimmy Lau said.

The Singapore Airshow, which will be held every two years, is expected to generate more than \$50 million for the local economy, in addition to employment opportunities. Singapore Airshow 2008 has already sold out its original exhibition space, nearly 20 months ahead of its debut, the show's organisers said in June.

An extra 10,000 sq m is to be added to the original 30,000 sq m exhibition hall, making it at least 30 per cent bigger than Asian Aerospace, which was held here for the last time in February.