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Construction was expected to begin late this year on the facility, which



has been landed the slightly off-mark nickname of "Google Airport."

"It is a significant private development and Google is the main tenant, but it is not their airport," Mineta spokeswoman Rosemary Barnes told AFP on Wednesday.

US-based Signature Flight Support is to build the executive terminal on a 29-acre (12 hectare) section of former parking lot in a partnership with Blue City Holdings, which represents "the personal aircraft of Google principals."

The airport is about 12 miles (19 kilometers) from Google's main campus in the city of Mountain View.

The terminal will feature catering and other amenities along with seven hangars, five of which will be reserved for Google aircraft including <u>Boeing 737</u> and Boeing 767 models like those used for commercial passenger flights.

Barnes estimated that five or six jets could be fit in any of the hangars.

Silicon Valley-based computer company Hewlett-Packard has had a private terminal at the San Jose <u>airport</u> for nearly 30 years, according to the spokeswoman.

"We've seen great demand in <u>Silicon Valley</u> from companies wanting to house aircraft," Barnes said.

The contract with Signature is still being finalized but includes a 50-year lease with annual rent of \$2.6 million along with guarantees regarding fuel purchases and hiring of local workers.

The new terminal was expected to be completed by the middle of 2015.



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