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CONTRACT SIGNING FOR GURNEY AIRPORT ASPHALT SURFACING, NEW TERMINAL BUILDING AND ASSOCIATED WORKS UNDER CADIP 2

The contract for the Asphalt Surfacing, New Terminal Building and Associated Works project at Gurney Airport in Milne Bay Province was signed today between National Airports Corporation (NAC) and China Railway Construction Engineering Group Co Ltd for execution. This is a significant milestone towards the commencement and implementation of the second phase of Civil Aviation Development Investment Program (CADIP).

After due diligence and meticulous procurement processes, the contract was awarded to the **China Railway Construction Engineering Group Co. Lt (CRCEG)** at a value of **Seventy-Six Million, Eight Hundred Forty-Three, Seventy -Three Kina and Eighty – Eight Toea (K76,843,073.88 million)**.

The contract covers the followings works;

- i. Asphalt Surfacing on all existing and new aircraft pavements;
- ii. widening of the existing apron to accommodate Regular Public Transport (RPT) operation by Fokker 100, 737 Boeing and Air Niugini's new A220 jet aircraft and
- iii. installation of new Airfield Lighting systems to improve the visibility
- iv. construction of a new state of the art New Terminal Building (Type B) which will be equipped with latest technology to provide improved passenger, cargo facilities and effective processing turnaround time. Kiosks will be installed inside the new terminal building for local Small Medium Enterprise (SMES to sell food items and handcrafts and other associated works.
- v. Provision of new Standby Power Supply Systems

The project is expected to commence in the first quarter of 2024 and will be executed over a 2 and half year period.

The second phase (CADIP II) is funded by the National Government of Papua New Guinea (GoPNG) with support from the Asian Development Bank (ADB). It is implemented by NAC and other sister agencies for and on behalf of the Government of PNG.

NAC would like to congratulate CRCEG for being the successful bidder and looks forward to working closely with it in implementing the project.

CADIP II is aligned with the National Government's investment priorities of Vision 2050 and Medium-Term Development Plan IV 2023 - 2027 in ensuring all aviation infrastructure within

country provide a safer, smoother and secured operating environment in line with the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) standards and practice and the Civil Aviation Safety Authority Rules and regulation.

Approved for release

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