

## MEDIA RELEASE

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## OFFICE OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR

## Tokua Airport - Re-scheduling of Airport Operating Hours

The National Airports Corporation advises the traveling public and stakeholders that **Tokua Airport Operating Hours** will be reduced from **6am - 6pm to 12 noon - 6pm** for a duration of approximately 14 days subject to and weather permitting.

This is necessary to enable the contractor to expedite the asphalt overlay works on the runway which is currently progress.

The Method of Work Plan (MOWP) Stage 1 commenced on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and was anticipated to be completed on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024. However, construction works are being delayed significantly, due to (i) inclement weather and (ii) construction plant and equipment having to vacate the runway works area every time to allow for aircraft landing and or taking-off.

The critical activity to be undertaken within the next 2 weeks is shown below;

Work Activity	Quantity	Duration	Remarks
Placement of fresh	860m	22 <sup>nd</sup> April - 05 <sup>th</sup> May	Allow a minimum 4 days to
60mm asphalt	length	2024	cure before usage
concrete			

Following the completion of Stage 1 works, MOWP Stage 2 will commence on 06<sup>th</sup> May 2024 and will take approximately 8 weeks to complete. Planned practical completion date is 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

The Public is further advised that Stage 2 works will also be subjected to the same restrictions on the operating hours of the airport.

NAC is committed to ensuring the safety of passengers and aircraft operations at Tokua Airport. The Contractor and NAC team on the ground are working closely with the Air Traffic Control Tower team to minimise construction time delays so that work can be expedited without compromising quality of work.

NAC is doing its utmost best to ensure that the full runway length is made available for resumption of normal F100/70 aircraft operations from 01st July 2024.

NAC apologizes for any inconvenience that is being caused during this period and we appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work together with all key stakeholders to undertake and complete this important work at Tokua airport.

Approved for release,

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