

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## OFFICE OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR

CONTRACT SIGNING FOR ASPHALT OVERLAY, TERMINAL BUILDING
REFURBISHMENT AND ASSOCIATED WORKS AT HOSKINS AIRPORT, WEST NEW
BRITAIN PROVINCE & CONTRACT SIGNING FOR THE DESIGN AND SUPERVISION
SERVICES CONSULTANTS (DSC)

The National Airports Corporation (NAC) and the contractor, China Railway Construction Engineering Group Co. Ltd. (CRCEG), have signed a deal to upgrade the Hoskins Airport under the Civil Aviation Development Investment Project II (CADIP II) in Port Moresby today. This significant milestone is made possible through the ongoing support of the Government of Papua New Guinea and the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

The contract for the Hoskins Airport Asphalt Overlay, Terminal Building Refurbishment, and other associated works project has been awarded to CRCEG at a value of Fifty- One Million, Seven Hundred Three Thousand, Nine Hundred and Nine Kina and Ninety-Five toea (PGK51, 703,909.95).

The contract covers the following scope of work:

- Basecourse repairs and overlays;
- HDG Asphalt Overlay;
- Construction of new turning node;
- Refurbishment of existing airport terminal building and carpark facilities;
- Installation of New Airfield Ground Lighting (AGL); and
- Other Associated Works

The duration of the project is anticipated to commence in March 2025 and end in September 2026. This is the fourth contract under the major civil works component of CADIP II to be awarded.

The benefits of the Hoskins Airport upgrade project include: 15–20 years of asphalt lifespan with minimum maintenance; the existing terminal building will be improved to enhance security measures and passenger/cargo processing turnaround time; the installation of the airfield ground lighting system will provide improved visibility for aircraft to land safely; the installation of kiosks inside the terminal building will provide commercial opportunity for tenants and service providers; and employment of locals through the airport's operation.

NAC congratulates the contractor, CRCEG, as the successful bidder and looks forward to working closely with them to deliver the project.

NAC also commends the West New Britain Provincial Government for aiding the organization to reroute a section of the Kimbe to Hoskins Highway towards Runway 30 End of the airport for the proposed extension works to occur. The current runway is 1,960 meters and will be extended by another 60 meters (to achieve 2020 meters runway length) which is sufficient to cater for the new Air Niugini Fleet of Aircraft or similar.

Four (4) out of the five (5) major airport projects have been awarded so far, except for the Wewak Airport Upgrade project, which is on tender.

Meanwhile, NAC also announces contract awarding of the Design and Construction Supervision Services Consultants (DSC) to Korean Engineering Consultants Corp (KECC) & Airside Construction Co. JV in Association with Hausman Designs Ltd. at a value of Seventeen Million, Eight Hundred Thirty-One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Twenty-Nine Kina and Seventy-Five Toea (K17, 831, 929.75).

The firm (KECC) will provide supervision services for projects implemented under the CADIP II and at the same assist the Project Implement Unit (PIU) to design the CADIP Phase 3 projects.

## Hoskins Airport Improvement under CADIP I

Under the CADIP I Tranche 1, the Hoskins Airport benefited through the aircraft pavement strengthening, new terminal building and associated works project, and the installation of a security fencing project, which was implemented at a cost of K75.1 million. These projects were carried out from 2012 to 2015.

CADIP phase One (CADIP I) ended in 2021 after the ADB's MFF loan closure. Through the program airports such as Momote, Vanimo, Kavieng, Tari, Mendi, Gurney, Girua, Tokua, Buka and others were upgraded.

## Conclusion

CADIP II is an ongoing initiative of the National Government of Papua New Guinea with the support of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and implemented by NAC and other aviation agencies. It aims to achieve safety and security, efficiency, and improve connectivity in compliance with the ICAO standards and regulations administered by CASA PNG.

CADIP II is indeed "Connecting Skies and Inspiring Growth"!

Approved for release

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