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NAC COMMENCES ASPHALT OVERLAY, TERMINAL BUILDING REFURBISHMENT AND ASSOCIATED WORKS AT HOSKINS AIRPORT, WEST NEW BRITAIN PROVINCE

The National Airports Corporation (NAC) has officially launched the commencement of the Asphalt Overlay, Terminal Building Refurbishment and Associated Works project at the Hoskins Airport in West New Britain Province. This important milestone was witnessed by key stakeholders from the national government, development partners, the provincial government, business houses and the communities at Hoskins airport today.

Thanks to the Government of Papua New Guinea (GoPNG) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for their ongoing commitment in revitalising the 21 national airports in PNG through the Civil Aviation Development Investment Project II (CADIP II).

Hoskins is among five (5) major airports undertaken for improvement under the Civil Aviation Development Project II (CADIP II). The other four (4) airports include the; Gurney Airport Upgrade project in Milne Bay Province which is in progress, Kiunga Airport upgrade project in Western Province which commenced this month (April 2025), Aropa Airport upgrade project in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville which is at mobilization stage and the Wewak Airport upgrade project which is at procurement stage.

The Hoskins Airport asphalt overlay, terminal building refurbishment and associated works was awarded to the contractor, China Railway Construction Engineering Group Co. Ltd. (CRCEG) at a value of K51.70 million on the 04th of December 2024.

The project encompasses the following scope of works:

- Pavement repairs and strengthening;
- Asphalt overlay;
- Construction of a new turning node;
- Refurbishment of existing airport terminal building and carpark facilities;
- Installation of New Airfield Ground Lighting (AGL); and
- Other Associated Works.

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; installation of the Airfield Ground Lighting system will provide improved visibility for aircraft to land safely; kiosks will be built separately outside the terminal building to provide commercial opportunity for tenants and service providers; and employment opportunities for locals in airport operations.

The project has commenced on the 22nd of April 2025 and is anticipated to be implemented for a duration of 18 months.

• The existing runway is 1,960 meters long and will be extended by 60 meters (to achieve 2,020 meters in total) to accommodate the operation of design jet aircraft Boeing 737 (B737) or similar types.

CADIP II is an ongoing initiative of GoPNG with the support of 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 as administered by CASA PNG.

Hoskins Airport Improvement under CADIP I

The Hoskins Airport also benefitted under the Civil Aviation Development Investment Program (CADIP I), through the aircraft pavement strengthening, new terminal building and associated works project, and the installation of a security fencing project valued at K75.1 million. These two projects were implemented from 2012 to 2015.

Stakeholder Collaboration

NAC acknowledges the continued support of the West New Britain Provincial Government further calling on all stakeholders to work together to ensure the successful delivery of this project.

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