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**This is a regular update on progress with the Millennium Challenge Corporation Vanuatu Project compiled by MCA-Vanuatu and the Design and Build Contractor – Downer EDI Works Vanuatu Ltd on behalf of the MCA-V Project Team.**

## **MCA Update #62 Efate Ring Road & Santo East Coast Road**



Widening the road near La Cressonniere Ranch. An hydraulic rock breaker (middle background) chips out the coral while another excavator loads the excavated material into a truck.



A Downer EDI Works grader carrying out a maintenance grade on the existing unsealed road between Eton and Rentabo so that a smooth surface for traffic is restored after the recent rain.



Drivers must stop before proceeding past the sign. If the road is clear they can then proceed onto the main road, if it is not clear they must wait until all other traffic, including any traffic turning into the side road, has passed through the intersection.



Drivers must give way to all other traffic, including any traffic turning into the side road. If the way is clear they do not need to stop before driving past the sign.

### **Road Signs – What They Mean – Stop and Give Way Signs**

Stop signs mean what they say and all drivers must stop before they drive past the sign. If the road is clear they can then proceed onto the main road, if it is not clear they must wait until all other traffic, including any traffic turning into the side road, has passed through the intersection

At a Give Way sign drivers must give way to all other traffic, including any traffic turning into the side road. If the way is clear they do not need to stop before driving past the sign.

### **Santo Work**

Clearing has reached the 44 km mark and culvert installation is now progressing North of Hog Harbour. Due to recurring wet weather the pavement construction remains at the 36 km peg. All operations will continue to progress North as weather permits.

### **Efate Work**

Installation of the new triple barrel culvert at Dry Creek is now complete. Clearing and widening work has reached the 74 km mark just North of Eton village. Pavement construction is underway between La Cressonniere and Pang Pang. Guardrail, drainage and tidy up work are underway on Klehm's Hill. Eton village water pipe relocation work will continue. After the recent wet weather the existing road between Eton and Rentabao was graded to restore a smooth surface for motorists.

### **Traffic Cautions**

Traffic will be confined to one lane with twenty-four hour traffic control on Klehm's Hill while guardrail and drainage work is carried out. Road users are urged to comply with the safety signs and the directions of the traffic controllers on site. Again, we ask all drivers to refrain from speeding anywhere on the sealed road or where construction is underway. The roads are construction sites and used by pedestrians as well as vehicles.

### **Construction Pegs**

Communities adjacent to both roads have been advised earlier on during initial phases of the road construction that there will be a number of stakes planted along the road every 50 meters to indicate the current legal road Right Of Way. The stakes reach the end of the existing seal and have coloured ribbons tied around them with a number written on to indicate a particular survey location point. It is observed that that a number of them continue to be either been knocked over or removed. We would like to seek everyone's cooperation to ensure the stakes are maintained in their current location to assist the MCA personnel

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**Next update will be provided on Thursday 25 March 2010**