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

MCA Update #22 Efate Ring Road & Santo East Coast Road

Highlight:

Successful blast at Malarua Quarry and commencement of pavement widening work in Tanoliu.

Efate Work Done Last Week

The clearing, side drain and pavement widening crew reached Tanoliu Village and also cleared and widened the seaward side of the road between Savannah Store and Tanoliu Village. The pavement overlay crew completed laying subbase and basecourse between Loankaræi and Manua School. The drainage team completed work in Tanoliu Village and are now installing culverts working from Tanoliu back towards the Savannah Store.

Efate Work Planned for This Week

The clearing, side drain and pavement widening crew will work on the landward side of the existing road between Savannah Store and Tanoliu Village. They will then move to work in the Creek Ai to Savannah Store section. The pavement overlay crew will continue subbase and basecourse placement from Manua School working past Paonangisu towards Safaki. The drainage crew will continue working from Tanoliu South towards the Savannah Store.

Road Corridor

The surveyors have placed sticks with blue tops between Mangaliliu turnoff and Tanoliu. These mark a road corridor that is 15 m wide within which we expect to construct the new road. Any vegetation and fences etc located between the row of sticks and the existing road may be affected by the road works. Last year, Land Owners and Leaseholders signed their consent for their properties that can be potentially affected by the road works. They are kindly advised to check that the situation now is in accordance with the consent that they have given. If there is a difference or any uncertainty they should contact MCA-Vanuatu (phone 26918).

Quarries

A blast to provide more loose feed rock for Malarua Quarry was successfully executed without incident. We plan to relocate the coral quarry operation from Meten Hill to Tanoliu late in the week.

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Next update will be provided on Thursday 4 June 2009