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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 #53 Efate Ring Road & Santo East Coast Road



Sealing progress: The seal operation reaches the bridge at Sara Beach. Sealing will continue to the Epule area.



Quarry Foreman Jack Sharon (left foreground) is dwarfed by the 17,000 m³ coral aggregate stockpile at Epule. This will sustain the pavement work while the quarry plant relocates to the next site.



Getting ready for the Hand-back Ceremony. A completed section of road on Efate with safety signs in place and line marking completed.



Chief David (left) of Pangpang and community members after a meeting with MCA-Vanuatu, ESU and Downer staff to at Merem Faw Church to discuss progress of the roadworks.

General

Sealing recommenced and has now reached the Epule area.

Santo Planned Work

Pavement construction will continue progressing North in the vicinity of Velit Bay.

Efate Planned Work

Clearing and widening work will progress towards Pangpang. Side drains and pavement will be constructed between Epau and Elu. Pavement overlay will continue between Epau Village and Vatgate.

Bigrod Sefti Posta Kompetisen

As part of the emerging National Road Safety Campaign for Vanuatu details of a poster competition for children who live in areas associated with the upgraded road will be announced shortly. Separate competitions will be held on Santo and Efate and the winners will be announced at the forthcoming Hand-back Ceremonies. Materials to make the posters will be distributed by Downer EDI Works and full details of the competition will be advertised shortly.

Traffic Cautions

Traffic flows on Klehm's Hill will continue to be restricted to one lane while the guardrail and concrete pavement is constructed. There will also be some total road closures of up to 30 minutes while the concrete trucks discharge. Twenty-four hour traffic control will be in place and 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. The roads are construction sites and used by pedestrians as well as vehicles.

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