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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 #64 Efate Ring Road & Santo East Coast Road



Efate: Clearing underway at Nangus – just South of Eton Village.



Santo: Installing a culvert just North of Hog Harbour on the road to Port Olry.



Santo: Compacting and shaping pavement near the 39 km mark, South of Hog Harbour.



Santo: A section of finished road near IHRO

Santo Work

Culvert installation is now progressing 3 km North of Hog Harbour and clearing is about to start on the road through Hog Harbour village. Undercut and sub-base pavement construction has reached the 41 km mark. Due to recurring wet weather, overlay placement and pavement finishing remains at the 36 km peg. All operations will continue to progress North as weather permits.

Efate Work

Culvert construction is underway at Banana Bay near the 85 km mark. Clearing and widening work has reached Eton Village at the 74 km mark. Although progress has slowed due to wet weather, pavement construction is again underway between La Cressonniere and Pang Pang. Guardrail, drainage and tidy up work are underway on Klehm's Hill. The existing road between Eton and Rentabao was again graded to restore a smooth surface for motorists after further wet weather during the week.

Traffic Conditions

Klehm's Hill be open to two way traffic 24 hours per day without restriction over the Easter Weekend' Traffic restrictions will be reimposed on Tuesday 6 April when guardrail, drainage and tidy up work is recommenced. 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.

Rubbish along Efate Ring Road

MCA-V is urging road users to please not throw rubbish along the road, including inside drainage line and in the culvert drains as it poses an environmental health concern and does not appear attractive to the public eye. We request everyone's cooperation to take care of our new road.

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Next update will be provided on Thursday 8 April 2010