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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 #71 Efate Ring Road & Santo East Coast Road**



The last clearing and widening. Downer excavators connecting the last section of new drain into the existing drains at the end of the Japanese Road.



The Neslep Crossing at Elownea Bay, with the work crew placing formwork and reinforcing steel ready for a concrete pour.



The Clearing and Earthworks crew - also known as the "Dirty Boys" - all assembled at the Project sign after completing their work.



Final preparation for sealing in Epau village. These rollers are operated by Malcom Arthur (left rear) and Joseph Noveil (right front).

### **Santo Work**

Clearing has reached the end of the Project length at Port Olry, and there are now only 12 of the large 750 mm diameter culverts left to lay. Final pavement placement and trimming has reached the 44 km mark just South of Hog Harbour. Rock lined drain work is underway at the 41 km mark at Lorevulco. The Vatrath quarry is currently fully operational.

### **Efate Work**

The clearing, widening and table drains operation reached the end of the Project length at the 92 km mark and this work is now complete. The pavement construction crew have reached Dry Creek at the 80 km mark. Sealing work has recommenced and has reached the 52 km mark and will continue South to La Cressonniere as weather permits. The next major milestone will be sealing through Epau Village. The Lelepa Hill tidy up work is underway and rock lined drain work is progressing near the 10 km and 68 km marks. Work on the Neslep Crossing at Elownea Bay has progressed well and the final concrete for the deck has been poured.

### **Traffic Conditions and Road Safety**

Traffic is restricted to one lane on the Lelepa Hill as kerb and tidy up work is carried out. Traffic controllers are on duty 24 hours per day to control traffic flows up and down the hill. Klehm's Hill is now open to two way traffic with only some short day-time restrictions as final tidy up work is carried out. A temporary speed limit of 30 km/hr applies to all the newly sealed sections of road.

Road users are urged to comply with the safety signs and the directions of the traffic controllers at the various work sites. 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.

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