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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 #74 Efate Ring Road & Santo East Coast Road



Santo: Road widened and guardrail under construction on the hill above the Champagne Beach turnout.



Santo. Overlaying the widened pavement just North of Hog Harbour village.



Efate: Progressive rehabilitation at Nangas Quarry. As coral is removed the excavation is being backfilled with stockpiled topsoil.



Efate: Spreading coral aggregate and checking pavement levels near the 85.8 km mark. David Jackson controls operations.

Santo Work

Rain has disrupted operations on Santo this week. Final pavement placement has reached the 49 km mark North of Hog Harbour. This means there are now only 9 km more to overlay before reaching the end of the Santo Project length at the 58 km mark. Side drains have been completed to Hog Harbour. There are now only 12 of the 750 mm diameter culverts left to lay. Rock lined drain work has reached the 44 km mark near the bottom of the Champagne Beach Hill. Quarry operations are transferring to the Maour Quarry and rehabilitation of the Vatrath Quarry has commenced.

Efate Work

Rain has also disrupted operations on Efate this week. The pavement construction crew has now reached the 86.7 km mark. This means there are now only 6 km left to overlay before reaching the end of the Efate Project length at the 92 km mark. Sealing work has now almost reached Pang Pang village at the 63.5 km mark. Sealing will continue South to La Cressonniere as weather permits. Replacement of the timber bridge deck at Tanoliu will continue. Some additional drainage work is underway on Klehm's Hill. Rock lined drain work is progressing near the 11 km and 50 km marks.

Bigrod Sefti Posta Kompetisen Display

Arrangements have been made to display the art work created by pikinini from areas associated with the MCA - Vanuatu Efate Ring Road and the Santo East Coast Road Projects at the Espace Culturelle from Monday 28 June to Thursday 1 July. This display space is located on the Father Walter Lini Highway next to the French Embassy.

Traffic Conditions and Road Safety

Klehm's Hill is now open to two way traffic with some short day-time restrictions as additional drainage work is completed. 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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In addition further information can be found on the MCA – Vanuatu website at www.mcavanuatu.gov.vu.

Next update will be provided on Thursday 24 June 2010