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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 #83 Efate Ring Road & Santo East Coast Road



Sealing team near the crest of the Manioc Hill on the Santo East Road.



Joseph Noviel and Obed Ben water the newly transplanted grass in the table drains near Eton.



A Downer crew inspecting the gabion basket site at Mele Cascades prior to starting work.



The nearly completed gabion basket protection to the road adjacent to the Mele Cascades.

Santo Work

Very good progress is being made with sealing on Santo and the sealing crew have now progressed through Hog Harbour and reached the Blue Hole at the 50 km mark. It is anticipated that the seal will reach Port Olry this weekend. This new seal is being completed to the full 6 m width. Once the sealing crew have reached Port Olry they will return to the start of the Project length and widen the previously completed seal from 5 m to 6 m.

Efate Work

While awaiting the return of the sealing crew from Santo so that final section of second coat seal between Eton and Rentabao can be completed the construction crews on Efate have been undertaking a series of minor jobs necessary to achieve Project completion. These include entrance construction, quarry rehabilitation and the installation of gabion baskets to protect the road formation near the Mele Cascades. The planting crew from Eton Village are making good progress with establishing grass in the table drains near the village and will shortly relocate to the La Cressonniere area.

A start will be made on the installation of a two cell box culvert at Dry Creek in late September.

Traffic Conditions and Road Safety

Road users are urged to comply with the safety signs and the directions of traffic controllers at 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 other vehicles.

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Next update will be provided on **Thursday 16 September 2010**