



## Progress Update

- A project launching ceremony was held on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2015 at the seafront stage as part of the annual Vanuatu National Trade Fair. Dignitaries from GoV, NZ MFAT and EIF attended.
- A custom ceremony was performed during the project launching. A traditional offering of food, pigs and mats was handed over to the Chief of Ifira, representing the customary land owners.
- Contract documents were formally signed by the Minister of MIPU on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2015.
- GoV have obtained the necessary environmental approvals and resource consents for the works. A few land ownership and tenancy agreements are still in progress and are expected to be finalized shortly.
- Hawkins Infrastructure Ltd (Hawkins), the company contracted to do the construction work, took possession of the site from Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Sept 2015.
- The 15 month contract period has officially commenced and Hawkins are due to complete construction works by the end of 2016.
- Planning for the works has started. Hawkins have prepared a programme of works, quality management plan and construction environmental management plan. These documents are being reviewed by the Engineer (Beca) and will be submitted to relevant GoV authorities for approval as required.

## Works Expected This Month

- Hawkins will mobilise staff from mid October 2015 and are procuring materials now. Plant and equipment will be hired locally for much of the works.
- Hawkins are preparing a staging plan showing the order in which works will be carried out. Public health & safety and traffic management procedures are a key part of planning the works.
- Discussions will be held with key stakeholders, and their input will be required to finalize the proposed plan of works and minimise or manage potential impacts on businesses.
- Work method statements for specific activities are also required prior to commencing works on site. These will be reviewed by the Engineer (Beca).
- Project offices for the Contractor (Hawkins) and the Engineer's (Beca) staff are being established in close proximity to the site.
- Susan Temple has been appointed as the Project Engineer and two local engineering staff have been recruited. Other project positions are being sought. Please contact Hawkins directly for further information (Tony Dunk [t.dunk@hawkins.co.nz](mailto:t.dunk@hawkins.co.nz)).

## Public Health & Safety

- Sections of the Seafront Park and Fatumaru Bay Park will be closed off with security fencing and inaccessible during construction.
- The Port Vila Municipal Council (PVMC) has restricted the use of the Seafront Park and stage area for events and activities. Please contact the PVMC prior to planning any events at the seafront.
- Carpark areas near the seafront will need to be closed during construction. These areas will be used for construction machinery to access to the site. This will affect:
  - Carparks behind Healthwise Pharmacy (between Nambawan Café and La Tentation).
  - Carparks in George Kalsakau Drive (the road extending from behind Barrett & Partners House to Jill's Café)

## Key Dates

Stakeholder Meeting  
Thu 29<sup>th</sup> Oct, 9am – 10am  
At the Seafront Stage

## Further Information

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