Public Works Department

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Summary

VIRIP No: W1-01-17 Value: VT89,438,625 (~USD837,000) Award: 7 Nov 2017 Start: 14 Feb 2018 Finish: 12 Aug 2018 % Progress: 52% (on time)

Start date of contract occurred late because of lack of barge for mobilization and coordination with other works (W1-02-17).

Vanuatu Infrastructure Reconstruction and Improvement Project

Tanna - Kings Cross Road Improvement – Concrete Road

Fletcher Organisation Vanuatu Ltd was awarded W1-01-17 Tanna – Kings Cross Road Improvement – Concrete Road on 7 Nov 18 for VT89,438,625. Works started on 14 February 2018 and at this stage will be complete on time by 12 August 2018. Works are proceeding well with the 400m Loanialiu Section near the top of the hill well underway with the works over 50% complete.

Fletchers has 32 local workers working on site and according to the supervising Consultant (Qualao Consulting Ltd), they are performing well. The contract is managed by the Tafea Divisional Manager, Nathan Tabi and he is pleased with the progress of the Contractor and Consultant and the benefits that this road improvement will bring to Tanna.



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Concrete works underway







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Contract Details

Justification

The Lenakel – Kings Cross Road is a key economic route with strong social importance. The route is also an evacuation route for approximately 5,000 people who live on the Eastern side of the Tanna and provides the only key link for the airport, wharf and other key social infrastructure. The route is the only access to Mt Yasur, a key tourism attraction. The identified two road sections (400m Loanialiu Section (top of the hill) and the 300m Lapangnagen Kupa Section which a short distance away) are steep (greater than 8% with a maximum 14.4%) and historically had increased maintenance needs and quickly become impassable to some vehicles during heavily rainfall periods. The works will augment recent improvements undertaken by PWD under the R4D program.

Objective

The works outcome will be improved resilience of the Lenakel-Kings Cross Road to provide all weather access from population centres on East Tanna to key social infrastructure, economic link and provide evacuation route.

Results

By August 2018 the activity will have delivered improved the disaster and climate resilience of the Lenakel to Kings Cross Road (Tanna). 5000 people will have improved all weather access.

Works description

Construction of two sections of macrofibre reinforced concrete sections along the Lenakel to Kings Cross Road:

- 400m Loanialiu Section (top of the hill) and
- 300m Lapangnagen Kupa Section which a short distance away

Works will be undertaken as per the PWD Specifications and Standard PWD Drawings, amended for inclusion of macrofibre reinforcement.

Timing and Cost

Works started on 14 February 2018 and will be completed on time by 12 August 2018. Value of the works is VT VT89,438,625 (~USD837,000).