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#### **New X-Ray screening machines for Mt Hagen and Goroka Airports to be installed by May 2026**

The National Airports Corporation (NAC) late last year purchased two sets of brand-new X-ray screening machines for Mt Hagen and Goroka Airports valued at **PGK3.5 million**.

The shipment arrived at the Lae port on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April 2026, and installation at the respective airports is scheduled to begin shortly.

Minister for Civil Aviation, Hon Wake Goi who officiated the ground breaking of the Mt Hagen Airport Asphalt Overlay Project yesterday at the Kagamuga Airport, said he's pleased to see these important machines finally in the country to improve passenger security screening at both airports to comply with Civil Aviation rules and regulations.

The NAC and the supplier signed a Contract in November 2025 to purchase the machines and since then, manufacturing had taken up to 4 months as the machines are not-off-the shelf items.

The new x-ray machines will replace the aging machines at both airports to enhance safety and security screening and to comply with PNG and International Civil Aviation rules and regulations.

Commissioning of these machines is targeted before the end of May 2026 and NAC is working closely with the contractor to ensure timely customs clearance, transportation, and installation, so that the new systems are ready for use without further delay.

NAC is fully committed to ongoing improvements in safety and security throughout all national airports.

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