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OFFICE OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR

Mt. Hagen (Kagamuga) Airport runway pavement repairs commence on June 04th 2026

The National Airports Corporation (NAC) advises the traveling public and stakeholders that the Asphalt Overlay and Associated works at Mt. Hagen (Kagamuga) Airport is scheduled to commence this Thursday 04th June 2026 and will take approximately 9 months to complete, weather permitting.

These essential works are necessary to ensure that the A220 / B737 operates into Mt. Hagen (Kagamuga) Airport by December 2026.

The upgrade of the Mt Hagen Airport runway to asphalt concrete overlay, is among the top priorities driven by the NAC Board to create sustainable airports that meet the growing demand for air travel in the country while supporting economic growth.

NAC Acting Managing Director and CEO, Dominic Kaumu said that the works will be implemented in accordance with the required standards whilst ensuring that the safety and security of operations at the airport during the period of works, are maintained.

The work will be carried out on the central (18m) portion of the runway including turning nodes and taxi way B and will consist of the following;

- Asphalt Overlay and Runway Grooving;
- Application of new Pavement Markings;

Associated works will include Aircraft Parking Bays and Drainage Improvements.

The upgrading of the Mt Hagen Airport will be carried out in 13 stages, under an approved Method of Work Plan (MOWP). The schedule of the works is shown in the table below;

MOWP STAGES	DURATION	START DATE	COMPLETION DATE	AVAILABLE RUNWAY LENGTH	ALLOWABLE AIRCRAFT
Stage 1	15 days	04/06/2026	19/06/2026	1980m	Fokker 100
Stage 2	15 days	20/06/2026	05/07/2026	1780m	Fokker 100/ Fokker 70
Stage 3	15 days	06/07/2026	21/07/2026	1,580m	Fokker 70
Stage 4	15 days	22/07/2026	06/08/2026	1,380m	Q400
Stage 5	15 days	07/08/2026	22/08/2026	1,180m	ATR/ Dash 8
Stage 6	15 days	23/08/2026	07/09/2026	980m	Dash 8
Stage 7	15 days	08/09/2026	23/09/2026	1,190m	ATR/ Dash 8
Stage 8	15 days	24/09/2026	09/10/2026	1,390m	Q400
Stage 9	15 days	10/10/2026	25/10/2026	1,590m	F70
Stage 10	15 days	26/10/2026	10/11/2026	1,790m	Fokker 100
Stage 11	15 days	11/11/2026	26/11/2026	1,990m	Fokker 100
Stage 12	15 days	27/11/2026	12/12/2026	2,190m	A220/ B737
Stage 13	40 days	13/12/2026	22/01/2027	2,190m	A220/ B737

NAC is committed to do its utmost best to ensure that the full runway length will be made available for B737 and A220 aircraft operations by December 2026.

NAC apologizes for any inconvenience that will be caused during this period and we appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work together with all key stakeholders to complete this important project at Mt. Hagen (Kagamuga) airport.

Approved for release,



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