

OFFICE OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR AND CEO

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MT HAGEN (Kagamuga) AIRPORT ASPHALT OVERLAY PROJECT AND ASSOCIATION WORKS UPDATE

The National Airports Corporation (NAC) advises the traveling public, airlines and stakeholders that runway works at the Mt Hagen (Kagamuga) Airport will now proceed to Stage 4 of works on Tuesday 4th August 2026 after successful completion of stages 1 to 3 this week. The stage 4 work will take approximately 15 days to complete, dependent on the weather.

NAC also advises that the available runway length during stage 4, will be 1380 meters therefore it will not be able to accommodate jet aircraft such as the Fokker 100 and Fokker 70. However, it will be available for Q400, ATR and smaller aircraft.

These essential works are necessary to ensure that this important national project is progressing as planned, to enable the A220 / B737 operations 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 highlands region and 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 asphalt overlay and associated works at the Mt Hagen Airport is currently being carried out in 13 stages, under an approved Method of Work Plan (MOWP).

The general public and stakeholders are advised to take note of the schedule of works and plan your travel accordingly as the runway length will be further shortened in the coming weeks between August and October, 2026 leading to further downsizing of aircrafts operating into Kagamuga Airport.

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

The Mount Hagen Asphalt overlay and associated works project valued at K39.4 million was launched in April 2026 and is funded by the NAC and fully supported by the Government of PNG.

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About NAC

The National Airports Corporation (NAC) manages and operates Papua New Guinea's 22 national airports, ensuring safe, reliable, and sustainable airport services. NAC is committed to accountability, governance, and delivering value to staff, stakeholders, and the traveling public.

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 SCHEDULE OF THE WORKS					
MOWP STAGES	DURATION	START DATE	COMPLETION DATE	AVAILABLE RUNWAY LENGTH	ALLOWABLE AIRCRAFT
Stage 1	Work in progress	09/06/2026	29/06/2026	1,980	Fokker 100/ Fokker 70
Stage 2	Work in progress	30/06/2026	16/06/2026	1,780	Fokker 100/ Fokker 70
Stage 3	15 days	17/07/2026	03/08/2026	1,580m	Fokker 100/ Fokker 70
Stage 4	15 days	04/08/2026	19/08/2026	1,380m	Q400/ATR
Stage 5	15 days	20/08/2026	04/09/2026	1,180m	Dash 8-100
Stage 6	15 days	05/09/2026	20/09/2026	980m	Dash 8-100 and small aircraft
Stage 7	15 days	21/09/2026	06/10/2026	1190m	Dash 8-100
Stage 8	15 days	07/10/2026	22/10/2026	1,390m	Q400/ATR
Stage 9	15 days	23/10/2026	07/11/2026	1,590m	Q400/ATR
Stage 10	15 days	08/11/2026	23/11/2026	1,790m	Fokker 100/ Fokker 70
Stage 11	15 days	24/11/2026	09/12/2026	2,000m	Fokker 100/ Fokker 70
Stage 12	40 days	09/12/2026	18/01/2027	2,190m	A220/ B737
Stage 13	40 days	01/01/2027	27/02/2027	2,190m	A220/ B737

