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NAC UPDATES STAKEHOLDERS ON MT HAGEN AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT WORKS

The National Airports Corporation (NAC) is pleased to advise the public that asphalt rehabilitation works to the runway at **Mt Hagen (Kagamuga) Airport** is progressing steadily, with significant improvements now allowing the operation of larger aircraft types.

The available runway length has now been extended to **1,680 metres**, an increase from **1,190 metres** available in October 2026. This represents approximately **76 per cent** of the airport's full runway length, enabling the continued operation of **Fokker 70** and **ATR 72** aircraft.

With this runway extension now in place, there remains **510 metres of rehabilitation works** to be undertaken to restore the runway to its full operational length, further enhancing aircraft operations and long-term service reliability for the **Mt Hagen (Kagamuga) Airport**.

Focus now is on removing the existing chip seal surface and placing a new asphalt overlay across the remaining sections of runway to go. Subject to favourable weather conditions, it is anticipated that these works will be completed ahead of the peak travel period.

NAC remains fully committed to maintaining the highest standards of safety for passengers, airlines and airport personnel throughout the construction period. The Corporation continues to work closely with contractors and aviation stakeholders to ensure the project is delivered safely, efficiently and with minimal disruption to airport operations.

Upon completion, the restored full runway length will enable the operation of larger aircrafts, including the Boeing 737 and Airbus A220 into the Mt Hagen (Kagamuga) Airport. The enhanced capability is expected to strengthen regional air connectivity, improve access for passengers and freight, and support economic growth throughout the Highlands Region.

NAC thanks airlines, passengers, and the wider community for their patience and understanding as these critical infrastructure improvements continue.

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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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