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## Glossary and Abbreviations

AGL	Airport Ground Lighting
AP	Affected Person/People
CESMP	Contractors Environmental and Social Management Plan
CLO	Community Liaison Officer
DBST	Double bituminous surface treatment
ECD	Environment and Conservation Division
EHSG	World Bank Environmental, Health and Safety Guidelines
ESF	Environmental and Social Framework
ESMP	Environmental and Social Management Plan
ESS	Environmental and Social Standards
HIV/AIDS	Human Immunodeficiency Virus/ Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
GBV	Gender-Based Violence
GRM	Grievance Redress Mechanism
IFC	International Finance Corporation
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature
JSA	Job Safety Analyses
LAeq	Equivalent Continuous Level
LMP	Labour Management Procedure
MCA	Solomon Islands Government Ministry of Communication and Aviation
MECDM	Solomon Islands Government Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology
MID	Solomon Islands Government Ministry of Infrastructure Development
NGOs	Non-government organisations
NSS	National Safeguards Specialist
OHS	Occupational Health and Safety
PER	Public Environmental Report
PPE	Personal protective equipment
PRP	Preliminary Resettlement Plan
PST	Project Support Team
SEP	Stakeholder Engagement Plan
SI	Solomon Islands
SIG	Solomon Islands Government
SIRAP	Solomon Islands Roads and Aviation Project
SIRAP2	Second Solomon Islands Roads and Aviation Project
SIWA	Solomon Islands Water Authority
SWMP	Solid Waste Management Plan
TMP	Traffic Management Plan
WB	World Bank



## Executive Summary

The Solomon Island Government (SIG) is implementing the Solomon Islands Roads and Aviation Project (SIRAP) to improve operational safety and oversight of air transport and strengthen the climate resilience of the road and aviation sectors in the Solomon Islands (SI). In 2021, SIG requested a new transport project called the Second Solomon Islands Roads and Aviation Project (SIRAP2), given the need to expand SIRAP further. Activities planned under SIRAP2 are located on the following islands:

- Honiara International Airport is located in Honiara, Guadalcanal.
- Munda International Airport is located in Munda, New Georgia Island.
- Existing road network on Malaita Island and Noro Town on New Georgia Island.
- Santa Cruz Airport on Nendo Island, Temotu Province

SIRAP2 for social is substantial, and the environment is moderate. Therefore, the overall rating is a 'substantial' risk project under the WB Environmental and Social Framework and requires the development of a site-specific Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP). Due to the nature of the project, it is expected that impacts will be site-specific; few, if any, are irreversible, and mitigation measures can be readily designed and implemented. The ESMP is required to identify and assess environmental and social issues associated with the proposed activities and develop mitigation and management measures consistent with World Bank requirements.

This ESMP, version 5, focuses on the Santa Cruz Airfield upgrades, which will include:

- Reclamation of 6800m<sup>2</sup> of tidal flat on the southwestern airport boundary.
- Construction of seawalls along the northern boundary and southwestern reclaimed boundary.
- Upgrade and extend the grass runway to 1,330m, and use a taxi and apron to seal the bituminous surface in all weather conditions.
- Public perimeter road with safety boom for traffic management.
- Drainage improvement.

Most potential adverse impacts will occur during the construction phase; however, given the scope and nature of the works, mitigation measures should be able to alleviate or lessen any potential negative impacts. The initial screening of the proposed upgrades identified impacts and the moderate and significant ones are discussed in detail in Section 6 of this ESMP. The key potential impacts that are being mitigated are:

- Reclamation and seawall construction in the marine environment.
- Sourcing of aggregate materials.
- Solid waste generation.
- Hazardous materials handling and storage.
- Safety hazards for workers and users of the facilities where upgrades are occurring.
- Water demand management for freshwater resources.

This ESMP is designed to address these issues through a series of mitigation and management measures described in Section 7. The measures will be implemented through:

- Implementation of this ESMP through the approved Contractor's ESMP (CESMP) and associated sub-managed plans guided by the Code of Practice documents included in Appendix D.
- Regular supervision and monitoring of the implementation of the ESMP (refer to ESMP monitoring plan).
- Meaningful and ongoing consultations with the Lata communities during the design and construction phases of this project.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Background

The Solomon Islands Government (SIG) is implementing the Solomon Islands Roads and Aviation Project (SIRAP) to improve the climate resilience and safety of the Solomon Islands (SI) road and aviation sectors. In 2021, given the need to expand SIRAP further, SIG requested a new transport project called SIRAP2.

SIG has made the upgrading the Santa Cruz runway a high priority in the National Transport Plan (NTP) 2017-2036. Located in Lata town on Nendo Island in Temotu Province, the upgrade will improve the island's connectivity to the rest of the Solomon Islands.

### 1.2 Environmental and Social Management Plan Objectives and Scope

The SIRAP2 Environmental and Social Risk Screening (ESRS) has given an overall Environmental and Social Risk Classification (ESRC) of 'substantial,' with environmental risks classified as 'moderate' and social risks as 'substantial.' A site-specific Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) is required. Due to the nature of the project, it is expected that most of the environmental and social impacts will be site-specific, few, if any, are irreversible, and mitigation measures can be readily designed and implemented.

The objective of the ESMP is to provide a set of stipulations for managing the works in a manner that incorporates the principles of environmental sustainability according to the SIG legislation and World Bank Environmental and Social Standards (ESS) within the Environmental and Social Framework (ESF) while minimizing potential adverse effects on the local community and the environment.

To achieve this objective, the ESMP outlines the mitigation measures required to avoid or minimize the potential impacts of the work and provides a monitoring program to confirm the effectiveness of the required mitigation measures. Roles and responsibilities are clearly defined for all stages of the project work and execution of project work.

This ESMP (or approved updated versions) will be included in all bidding documents and form the basis of the Contractor's ESMP (CESMP), which will detail the practical implementation of the mitigation measures identified in this ESMP.

The ESMP is a dynamic document that will be updated once the Design Engineer has finalized the detailed design and construction methodology to include any variation from the current scope and methods or addition of newly identified impacts and mitigation measures that may arise through the bidding and contracting process (if not addressed in the CESMP) or consultation. The mitigation measures associated with the impacts identified above are detailed below. Therefore, this version of the ESMP is based on the detailed design and construction methodology that the Design Engineer finalized.

This ESMP is limited to the scope of works as described in Section 2 of this document and addresses impacts and mitigation measures identified at each stage of the project's execution, namely detailed design, construction, and operation. This ESMP will be included in the bidding documents and will form the basis of the CESMP. The mitigation measures identified in this ESMP form the minimum requirement for reducing impacts on the environment because of works associated with the project. The CESMP will be prepared by the contractor, approved by the Supervision Engineer and SIRAP2 Project Support Team (PST), and disclosed prior to commencing civil works.

### 1.3 Integration of the ESMP

It is the responsibility of the SIRAP2 PST to ensure that this ESMP is fully integrated into all Project preparation and planning. ESMP shall form part of any tender documentation for physical works, and it shall be the Client's responsibility to ensure that the technical requirements and data sheets of Project bid documentation are subject to review against this ESMP to ensure that all appropriate safeguard measures are captured at the bid stage.

Further, it is the responsibility of the SIRAP2 PST to ensure that this ESMP is considered in the review of any Terms of Reference (TOR) for Technical Assistance developed for the Project. The safeguard requirements for any design or supervision of the Project will be fully integrated into TOR to ensure that all safeguard responsibilities allocated within the ESMP are realized at the tender stage. In this way, the ESMP will be fully integrated within the Project so that all responsible parties will fully appreciate the required measures, and successful implementation will be achieved.

### 1.4 Disclosure

Disclosure does not equate to consultation (and vice versa), as disclosure is about transparency and accountability through the release of information about the project. The final Santa Cruz Airport ESMP will be made available on the WB external website, on the SIRAP2 project website, and in hard copy at the PST office in the ACE Complex, Kukum, Honiara.

The disclosure of the ESMP will be in a PDF format less than 10 MB in size so that it can be easily downloaded and emailed using the Solomon Islands' standard internet connections.

## 2 PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

### 2.1 Current Situation

The Santa Cruz airport is located on Nendo Island (Santa Cruz) in Temotu Province. It is located approximately 645km east of Honiara. Honiara is the capital of the Solomon Islands and is situated on the Island of Guadalcanal in Guadalcanal Province. The Santa Cruz airport currently consists of a topsoiled and grassed 915m long and 26m wide runway, which often becomes saturated during rain and causes localized pooling, making it unsuitable for Dash 8 aircraft operations, resulting in the use of the smaller Twin Otter aircraft.

In addition, the northern and south-western end of the runway is exposed to wind-driven ocean swells and requires seawalls to protect the extension of the runway and reduce erosion during increasing storm risks under a changing climate<sup>1</sup>. The taxiway is narrow, and there is a noticeable level change from the runway to the apron area. The current filled apron area only covers around 1/3 of the total area available and struggles to accommodate the Dash 8 space-wise.

Santa Cruz Airfield's geographically remote location in Temotu Province makes it difficult for aircraft to return to Honiara in case of inclement weather or mechanical failure. Hence, a sealed all-weather runway in the eastern part of the country is necessary. Unsealed, poorly drained, degraded, short, and unlit runways contribute directly to inconsistent flight scheduling, restrict passenger movements, and present safety risks to the traveling public.

### 2.2 Overview of Proposed Works

Component 1 of SIRAP2 provides for climate resilience and safety investments in the aviation sector. It provides Santa Cruz Airport upgrades, which will include:

- a. Reclamation of 6,800m<sup>2</sup> of tidal flat on the southwestern airport boundary.
- b. Construction of seawalls along the northern boundary and southwestern reclaimed boundary.
- c. Upgrade and extend the grass runway to 1,330m, and use a taxi and apron to seal the bituminous surface in all weather conditions.

Drainage improvement and Aeronautical Ground Lighting (AGL) Requirements. The proposed scope of work is expected to improve the conditions of the existing runway, improve operational safety, and provide a reliable all-weather operational capability, both for current and identified future operational aircraft types. Also, having adequate aviation infrastructure is a key stimulus to tourism growth and better trade links for the province.

Activities will include:

- Site clearance, specifically at the south-western runway end and quarry site directly north of the runway and an alternate quarry site about 4 kilometers southwest of the runway (referred to as Quarry C<sup>2</sup>).
- Tree clearance adjacent to the runway and along the south-western approach.
- A cut-to-fill operation to lower the northeastern end of the runway and extend the runway to the southwest, including reclamation of the seabed.
- Construction of a seawall to protect the southwestern runway extension.

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<sup>1</sup> SIRAP 2 Project Appraisal Document

<sup>2</sup> Screened for sensitive receptors guided by Appendix 1 and 2 of the SIRAP ESMF. The screening information is presented in Appendix G\_ of this document. No sensitive receptors were identified near this quarry site except for vegetation. There are no visible natural water courses existing nearby. Moreover, the site is not located close to any village and is only about 100m from a residence. The site used to be quarried for the construction and maintenance of the Baemaowa inland road to Lata and by MID-LBES contractors for road maintenance more than 8 to 10 years ago and has been recently cleared by the Contractor for the Temotu Provincial Police Head Quarters upgrade.

- Construction of a seawall along the north-eastern runway end to protect the cliff from further erosion.
- Placement of 200 mm of base course along the length of the runway using material borrowed from the quarry site on the northern boundary of the runway or other sites (located about 4 km southwest of the runway).
- Rerouting the existing access road at the northeastern runway end around the extended runway and installing barriers to control traffic/pedestrian access from approaching planes.
- Forming a new linking taxiway and aircraft apron.
- Installing a new culvert under the apron.
- Surfacing the newly formed runway, taxiway, and parking apron area with a spray seal.
- New runway paint markings; and,
- Installing a new AGL system.

### 2.2.1 Runway Extension, Reclamation, and Seawall Works

Currently, the Lata or Santa Cruz Runway LDA is a 915m grass strip runway with an unsurfaced parking stand. The upgrading works will include a 30 m widening, 320m extension and reclamation, 399m seawall at the southwestern end, and 138m seawall at the northeastern end. The design length is 1110m plus a 100m starter extension at either end of the runway, for a total length of 1330m. This is required to protect the runway flanks and allow for further runway extension.

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Figure 2: Southwestern end of Santa Cruz Runway

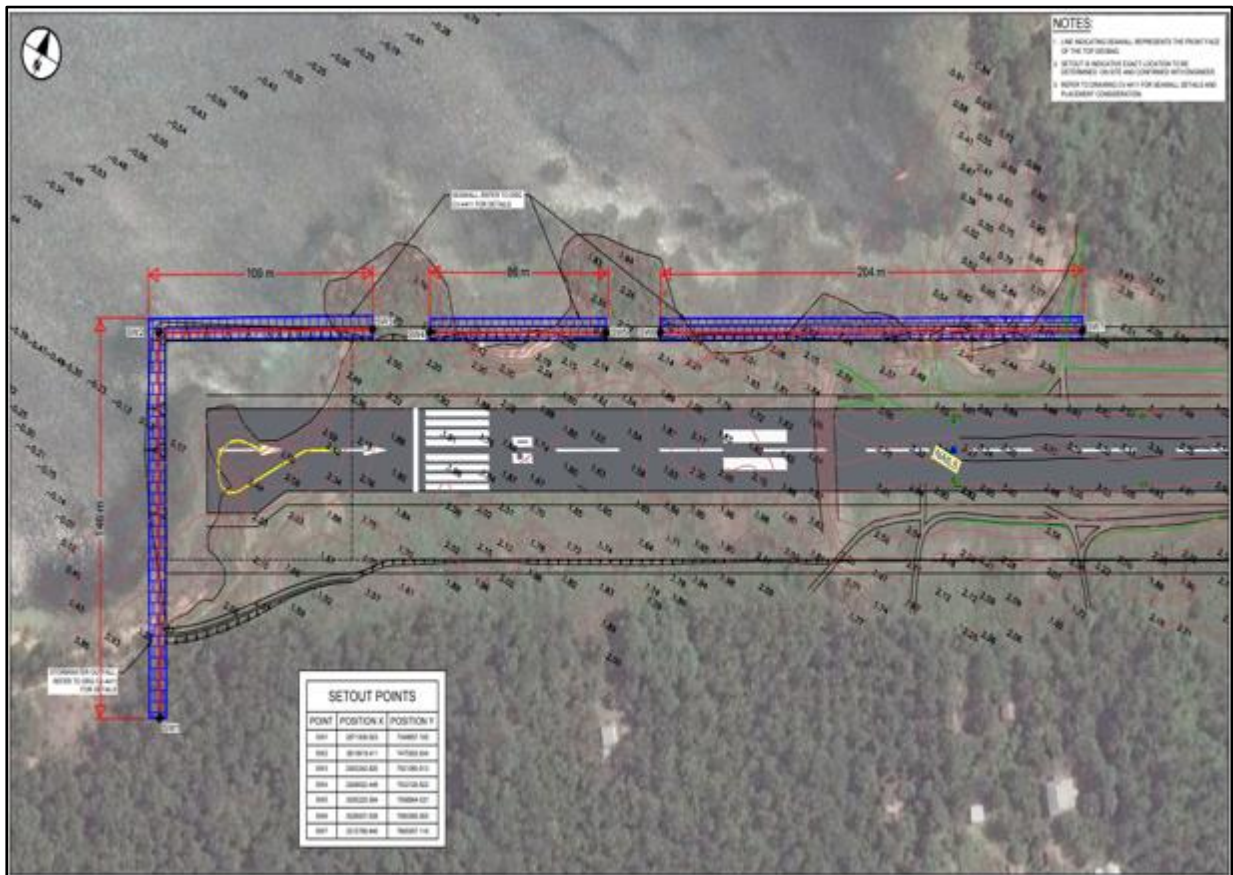


Figure 3: Extent of works for the Southwestern end of Santa Cruz Runway

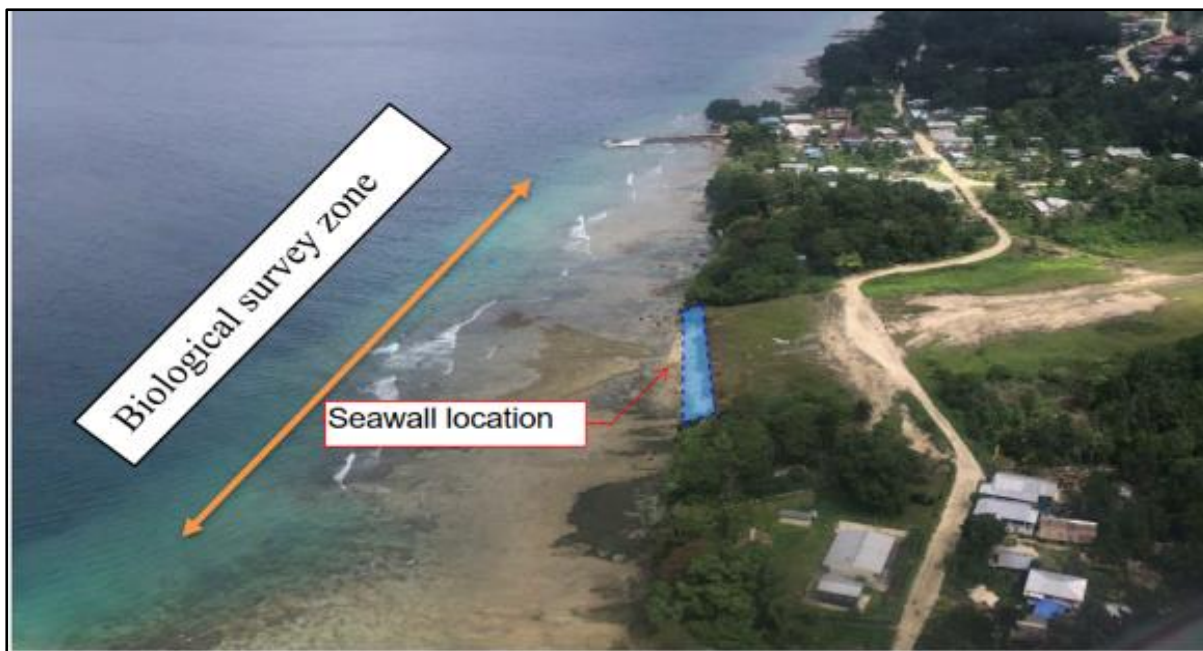


Figure 4: North-eastern end of Santa Cruz Runway

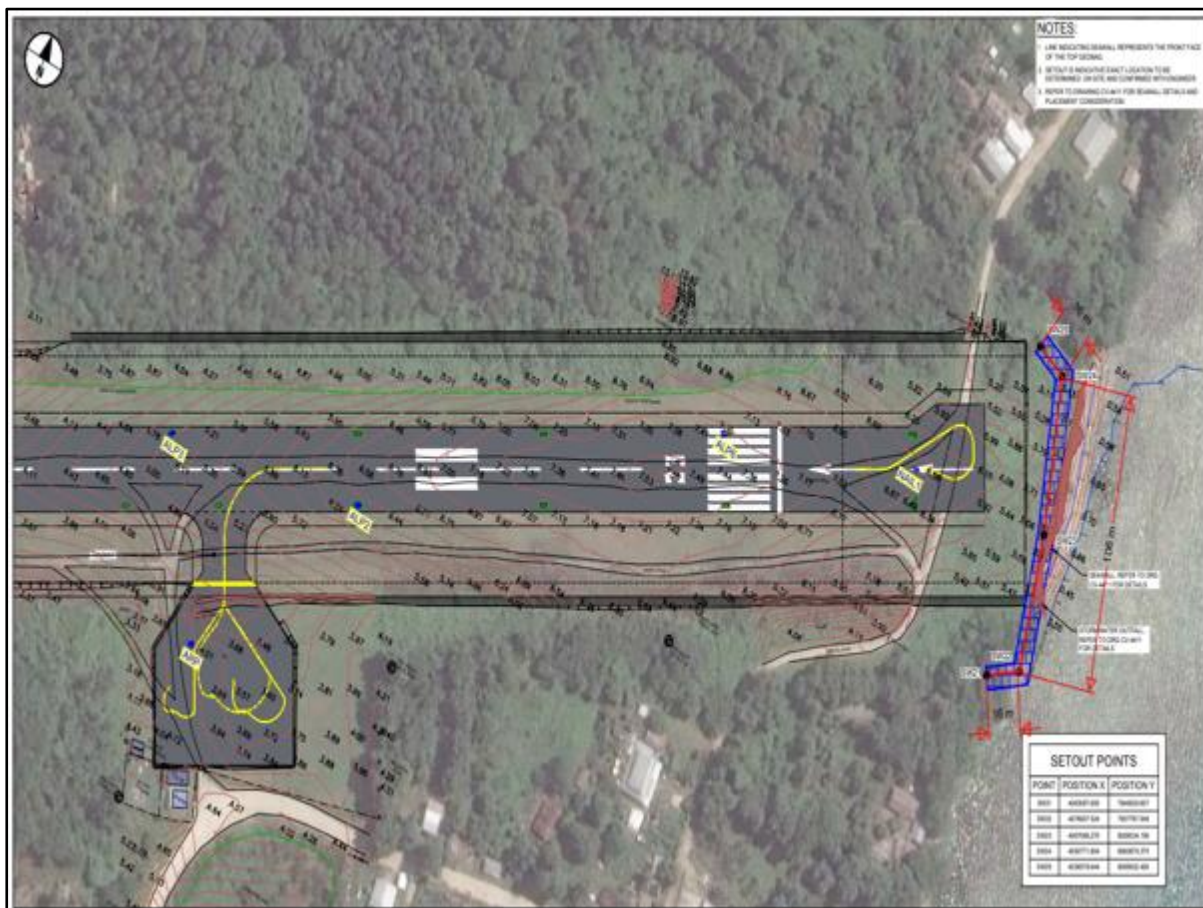


Figure 5: North-eastern end of Santa Cruz Runway with extent of works





Figure 6: Public access road around the northern perimeter of the runway with a lockable boom gate

At the northeastern end of the runway, no reclamation is required; only seawall Improvement is required to protect the runway flanks and allow for the runway extension. Backfilling will consist of onshore coral and imported material. The seawall is designed for a 50-year design life requirement with extreme conditions and design event suitability.

The seawalls are proposed to be made from 2.5m<sup>3</sup> geo fabric Elcorock sand-filled bags (Figure 7) with footings cut into the coral subbase.

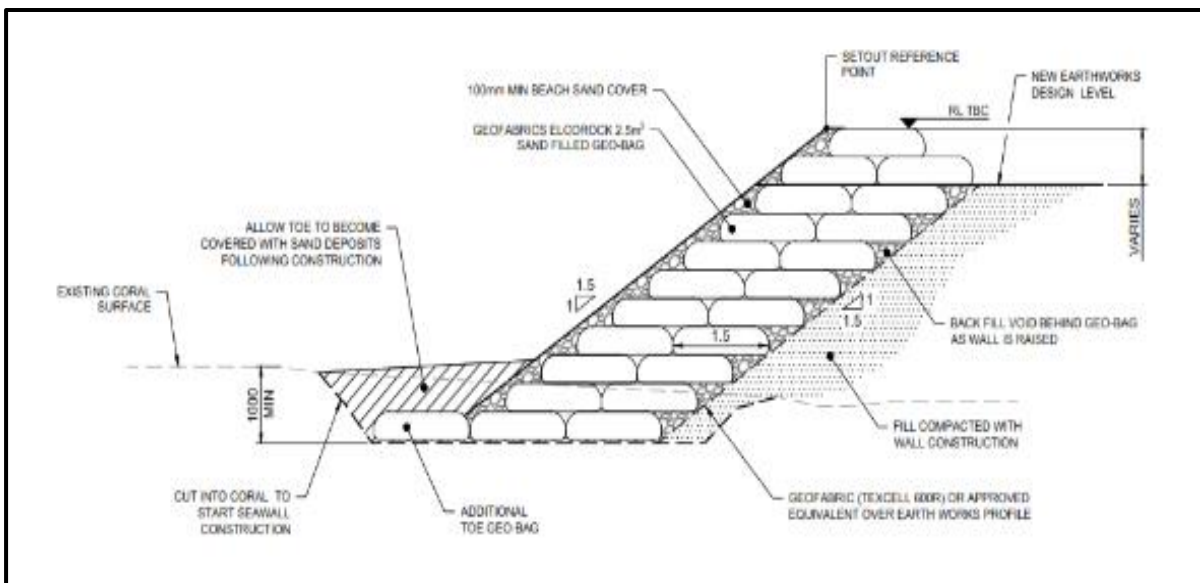


Figure 7: Typical seawall section proposed for Santa Cruz Airport

Base and sub-base courses will be constructed of local coronous material excavated from a proposed quarry site on SIG land immediately adjacent to the runway's northern end (Figure 8) and about 4 km southwest of the runway (Figure 8a). However, aggregate materials can also be imported from Honiara from existing approved suppliers.



Figure 8: Proposed site for project quarry (yellow) within the airfield lease boundary (approx. boundary shown in blue)



Figure 9: Proposed quarry site C south of Lata Town

### 2.2.2 Proposed Pavements Structure for Runway

AECOM undertook geotechnical tests in 2018; 5 test pits and 11 DCP tests were conducted on and near the runway and at other locations. Materials observed include sandy gravel, Silty Sand, and some coral fill deposits as part of the subgrade. The proposed extension area is flat and comprises alluvial soil with variable depths, including common coastal soil. The recorded CBR values ranged from 6% to 65%, indicating that the subsoil conditions have high variability.

Given the extremely hard, well-compacted, stiff upper pavement structure, the primary reconstruction needs are for shape corrections, that is, to facilitate surface drainage. The nominated pavement design life is 20 years, and the structure proposed is as follows:

- Strip the grassroots and topsoil.
- Add and compact 200mm of crushed and graded quality base course to raise the runway crown primary as a shape correction layer.
- Treat base course with prime coat followed by surfacing.

Fill materials to be used may require the use of the on-site quarry and subgrade from higher areas on the island of Santa Cruz. While base course materials can be sourced from the on-site quarry, they can also be imported from Honiara along with other aggregates, such as river gravel.

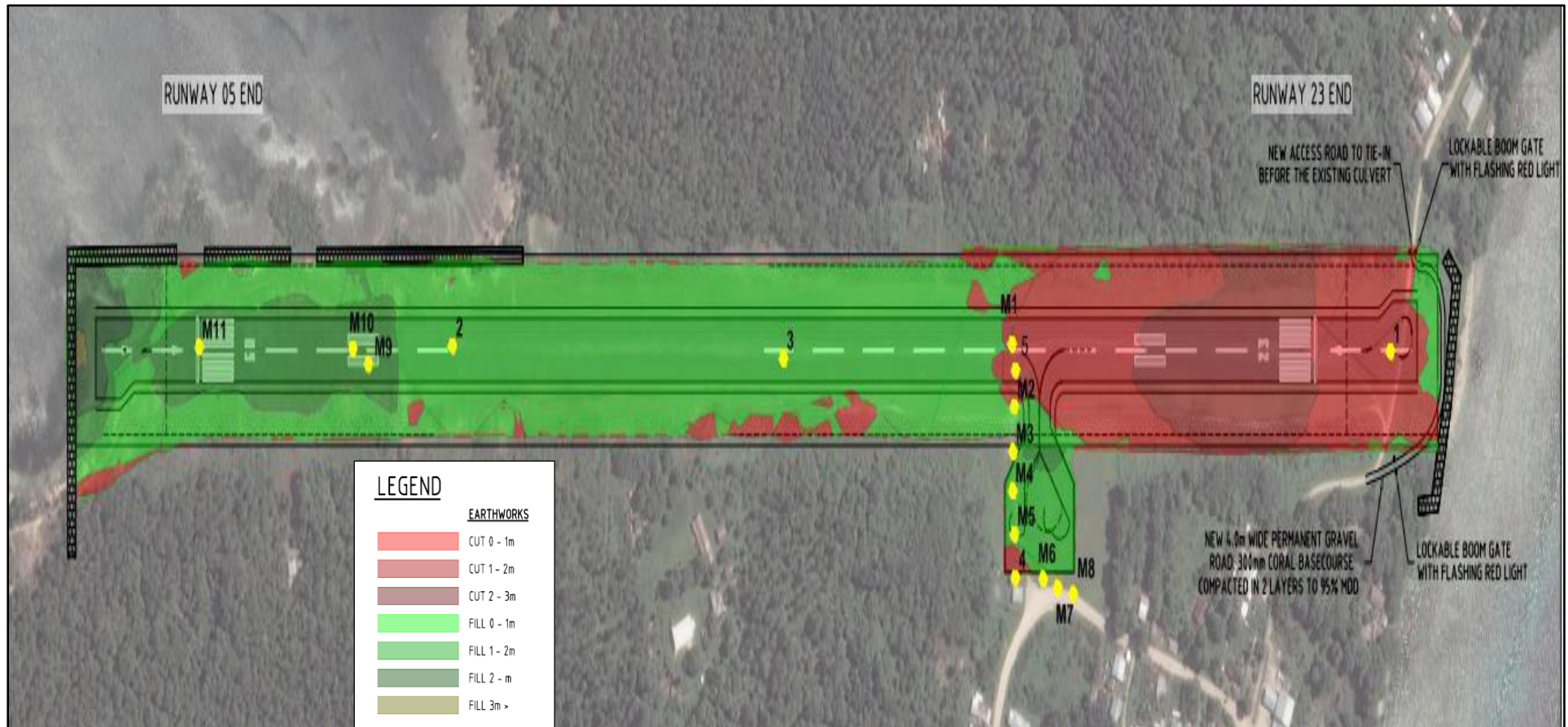


Figure 10: Layout plan of proposed earth works

### 2.2.3 Surface Drainage and Pipe Drainage Systems

The drainage infrastructure is required to clear flood events quickly, and it is proposed that a 2% cross-fall will be adopted upon approval from CAASI. An improvement and extension of the open channel drainage system and the addition of 3x750-diameter culvert systems under the apron will allow for more significant drainage management. A detailed design of this is provided in Appendix F.5.

### 2.2.4 Airfield Ground Lighting

A solar-powered system of airfield ground lighting (end and edge lights) will be installed at the Lata or Santa Cruz Runway. This will also include PAPI lights. Runway edge lights and runway end lights are provided for a runway intended for use at night or for a precision approach runway intended for use by day or night. There will be 6 end or threshold lights (red lights) in a line less than 3m outside the end of the runway.

Edge lights will be installed along the full length of the runway, 60m apart, within 3m of the edge at all points. Lights on opposite sides of the runway shall be in line with each other. Edge lights show variable white.

The starter extension edge lights at the turning pad at both ends of the airport are bidirectional (Rd/Blue), with red facing the pilot on approach to land on the runway. To adequately cover the area, the taxiway and apron will have blue and orange lights, including apron flood lighting. A layout plan of the AGL is attached in Appendix F.6.

## 2.3 Construction Methodology

### 2.3.1 Method of Works Plan

The Method of Works Plan (MOWP) is a required document by the Civil Aviation Authority of the Solomon Islands (CAASI) and the Ministry of Communication and Aviation (MCA) for any significant construction works within the boundaries of an airport. The MOWP sets out the operational requirements for maintaining a functioning airport throughout the construction process. It includes the concessions and alternative arrangements that may need to be made (e.g., alternative aircraft parking apron) and staging the construction process while ensuring the safety and security of all personnel, the community, and aircraft and continued operation of the airport throughout construction works.

### 2.3.2 Aggregate Supply

The runway upgrade and extensions, including marine reclamation and seawall protection on both ends of the runway, will require a significant volume of aggregates, Coronous, and river gravel materials for filling for concrete production and overlay. There is a proposed quarry site on SIG land immediately adjacent to the runway's northern end and about 4 kilometers away in the southwest of the runway, which can be utilized. However, the quality of the aggregate must be tested to determine if it is the required material for the work. Also, the contractor will make necessary arrangements to source or quarry, crush, and transport river aggregates and, if needed, from Honiara.

Several aggregate mining companies in Guadalcanal hold Building Materials Permits for the extraction of aggregates and can supply graded aggregates for the Santa Cruz works. Accessible sources of suitable aggregate materials will need to be identified in the CESMP, approved by the Supervision Engineer, and extracted under the current Building Materials Permit. In case these are not available, or it is more cost-effective, the aggregate may be purchased from a valid license to do extraction with a valid BMP issued by MMERE on Guadalcanal or imported, subject to the approval of the operator by the Supervision Engineer.

Additionally, it is also important to ensure that the aggregate source is free from any invasive species of plant or fauna, such as the invasive Giant African Snails (GAS). Before transportation, aggregate stockpiling must be at an approved biosecurity-controlled stockpile site.

### 2.3.3 Marine Reclamation

Santa Cruz airport will require reclamation over marine waters (inter-tidal zone) on the southwestern end of the runway. The total area in the intertidal area to be reclaimed is 6800m<sup>2</sup>. A relatively high embankment fill (varying from 1.88 m to 3.32 m) was designed above the alluvial soil for Ch0 to Ch310. The reclamation at this location will require extensive geotechnical and earthwork for the embankment filling. This type of structure usually includes either rock or concrete armor units, with geotextiles to confine sands. If rock quarries exist that can affordably produce sufficient material, they will be more competitive than concrete armor units. Reclamation filling will also come from the high section within the runway strip from the northern 1/3rd point. However, this will require closure of the runway to facilitate the reclamation cut to fill operation. Alternatively, the reclamation filling could be sourced from an alternative off-site customary land site. More convenient and economical options, such as geobags or sheet piles, could be utilized since the works on this site are related to shoreline protection or shallow reclamation works.

### 2.3.4 Equipment and Workforce

The construction activities will require site establishment facilities, airport construction equipment (rollers, gravel delivery trucks, water carts, bitumen sealing trucks, etc.), and other equipment. Heavy plants and specialized equipment to prepare double-bituminous surface treatment (DBST) seals will be required to undertake the civil works.

The workforce required will include plant operators, skilled and unskilled labor, managers and site supervisors, engineers, and ancillary staff such as cooks and security guards. This is expected to reach at least 25-30 workers or more. The contractor shall manage and recruit skilled and unskilled laborers according to the requirements of the Workers and Labor Influx Management Plan attached in Appendix D. The supervision engineer will ensure that all workers and personnel, including the contractor and subcontractor involved in the project, comply with the Code of Conduct attached in Appendix E.

### 2.3.5 Temporary Areas

#### 2.3.5.1 Laydown Area

SIG expects the laydown site to either be within the proposed quarry site or at another location within the airfield lease boundary. This area is allocated for the Ministry of Communication and Aviation by the Ministry of Lands, Housing, and Survey. The accuracy of the indicative boundary has not been verified, and the extent is to be checked and verified by the Contractor with the government prior to clearance, site establishment, and commencement of work. Verification of the land lease and verification of any necessary lease payments should be made prior to handing over the site to the Contractor.

Laydown sites for the staging of the civil works, preparation of DBST, processing, and stockpiling of aggregate, as well as producing concrete, will be required. Separate stockpile sites may also be required for aggregates along the route. This temporary laydown area will be established near the airport. The site will generally consist of project offices, storage and stockpiling areas, aggregates and other relevant facilities. At this stage, a suitable location has not been confirmed, and this will be identified and described by the contractor in the CESMP, which will be subjected to WB clearance.

The site will be established in accordance with the requirements of the ESMP. Hence, it should be kept to a workable minimum area. The perimeter of the area must be fenced to secure materials and equipment and prevent unauthorized entries. The contractor will ensure that the site is manned by local security guards provided by a local security firm or personnel recommended by Community Elders. The local security firm or personnel recommended by community elders would also be required to undertake all induction, gender-based violence (GBV), and occupational health and safety (OHS) training, as well as sign all Codes of Conduct

Setting up the laydown area and managing activities within the area will comply with all the requirements of the ESMP and the implementation of these mitigations. Additional mitigations identified by the Contractor will also be detailed in the CESMP.

#### **2.3.5.2 Contractor's Workers Camp**

The contractor's workers will be comprised of skilled and unskilled workers recruited from the surrounding communities, other islands in the country, and international workers (managers and site supervisors). A worker's camp for workers who are not from the surrounding communities is anticipated to need to be established.

To establish a worker's camp, the contractor must ensure compliance with the steps required in the International Finance Corporation (IFC)/WB Workers Accommodation: Process and Standards Codes of Practice, which require appropriate negotiations and consultations with the rightful landowner. The supervision Engineer and the PST shall approve this.

The contractor will be required to prepare a Worker's Camp Management Plan in compliance with the guidelines provided in Appendix D. The plan addresses specific aspects of the establishment and operation of workers' camps. Particular attention should be paid to visitor management, sanitary water systems, and waste management and measures to avoid instances of gender-based violence (GBV). An Influx Management Plan would also be required since there will be an influx of skilled workers. This plan is prepared to ensure that non-local workers are inducted into the local culture and to manage inappropriate contact between the non-locals and the residents of the area and haulage routes that may result in GBV, sexual abuse, and other misconduct.

#### **2.3.5.3 Haulage Routes**

The haulage route for material transportation from the landing to the laydown area is not known at this stage. The contractor will determine this, which will be reflected in the CESMP and detailed in the TMP. Required measures to prevent accidents, dust, spillages, noise and vibration nuisances, and impact on pedestrian and vehicle traffic during the transportation of materials and equipment will form part of the TMP, which the contractor shall implement. Deviations from the approved routes will not be accepted unless approved by the supervising Engineer. Access to work areas can be via the airfield if the route is approved by MCA and identified in the MOWP.

#### **2.3.6 Hazardous Substances**

Hardstand areas must be available for storage of hazardous substances and other equipment that poses potential risks to the environment (e.g., leaking lubricants from machinery). Runoff from hardstand areas used to store machinery will need to be collected and treated (e.g., oil water separator) to prevent contamination of soil or water bodies. Hazardous substances (e.g., fuel, lubricants, oil, paint) must be stored in a self-bunded tank or, with the Supervision Engineers' permission, within a bunded with a capacity of 110% of the total volume of the tanks. Wastewater must be managed in such a way as to prevent the spread of vector-borne diseases and contamination of soil and water bodies. The requirements to handle, store, dispose, or respond to accidental spillage

of hazardous substances must be reflected in the appropriate CESMPs, including the Hazardous Materials Management Plan, Spill Prevention and Emergency Response Plan, Point Source Pollution Plan within the OHS Plan, and Waste Management.

### 2.3.7 Waste Management

There is no landfill, only a dumping site at the northern end of the runway in Lata. There are no formally permitted landfills on the island. However, the Honiara City Council operates the permitted Ranadi Landfill on Guadalcanal. At all times, the Contractor is responsible for the safe and sound disposal of all solid waste generated from the Works. Prior approval for the utilization of Ranadi Landfill will be undertaken by the contractor, which MCA will facilitate. MCA will facilitate approval from Honiara City Council for the use of Ranadi Landfill for SIRAP2's project use. The approval documents will be made available by MCA to the Supervision Engineer and the Contractors.

Solid waste includes:

- General waste (i.e., office-type waste, household waste (from any worker's camps), lightweight packaging materials).
- Recyclable waste (i.e., certain plastics, metals, rubber, etc. that can be recycled).
- Organic biodegradable waste (i.e., waste that will decay/break down in a reasonable amount of time, such as green waste or food waste).
- Inorganic non-recyclable waste (i.e., waste that cannot decompose/break down and which cannot be recycled).
- Hazardous waste (i.e., bitumen, waste oil, etc.). Provisions within this ESMP provide the Contractor with the requirements for management of the above waste streams through a Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) in the CESMP.

With the approval of the Supervision Engineer, reasonable quantities of organic biodegradable waste may be deposited in designated dumping areas, and recyclable waste may be supplied to a local receiver licensed to process such waste. The Contractor needs to find out if there are local buyers of used aluminum cans in Santa Cruz (Lata) and Honiara.

Regarding hazardous waste, the Contractor is responsible for obtaining all necessary permissions for transportation and safe disposal of hazardous waste from the project site in a legally designated hazardous waste management site within the country or another country and for ensuring compliance with all relevant laws. Evidence will need to be supplied to the Supervision Engineer of the proper disposal of waste at the final location (disposal slips). This would be costly, and the cost of this must be catered for in the construction and site rehabilitation budgets.

The export of any hazardous waste must comply with the Basel and Waigani Conventions, which Solomon Islands is a signatory to, and any relevant laws enacted by the source and the recipient countries. If there is a hazardous waste to be transported overseas, the storage and handling of that locally must be such that it poses no risk to the people and the environment. ECD Chief Environment Officer for Waste Management and Pollution Control, when consulted regarding this issue, advised that the Waigani Convention Process for exporting hazardous waste must be facilitated through ECD as they are responsible for managing, facilitating, and providing support in identifying the appropriate importer.

Disused material will be generated from the excavations. Most of the clean fill material can either be used to backfill areas along the roads that need to be raised or can be used as a resource (e.g. base course material) for general use by communities along the road. All surplus material from excavations shall be removed from the site area and safely disposed of in compliance with any local requirements

at the Employer's nominated disposal site(s) and/or disposed of at the Contractor's quarry site(s), before the start of the defect's liability period. Unless otherwise instructed by the Supervision Engineer, other surplus materials not needed during the defect's liability period shall be removed from the site.

### 2.3.8 Occupational Health and Safety

It is a requirement of the donor, World Bank, that the contractor adhere to all the occupational health and safety (OHS) requirements, as per the donor's Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) Guidelines. This also includes the Solomon Islands Government (SIG) legislation, the Safety at Work Act, which safeguards all workers (full-time, part-time, permanent, or casual) and those who work in connection with the development works. It is also essential that workers must be trained in crucial methods to control, correct, and respond to risks and hazards.

The OHS Management Plan Guidelines in Appendix D have been designed to reinforce existing SIG health and safety laws and must be applied to all aspects of the SIRAP2 project. The Contractor will ensure that OHS Plans are developed as part of its CESMP and presented as an addendum to the CESMP. Civil works shall not commence until the Supervision Engineer has approved the OHS Plan, the Safety Officer is mobilized and on-site, and the staff has undergone induction training.

For the purposes of the project, in addition to the national OHS standards, the employer is adopting guidelines for occupational health and safety based on good international industry practice. To be qualified for bidding, contractors will be required to have in place an occupational health and safety management system that is compliant with, or equivalent to, OHSAS 18000 (<http://certificationeurope.com/ohsas-18000-health-safety-managment-standards/>) and is acceptable to the client. The contractor shall specify which occupational health and safety standards are to be applicable to the project and provide evidence of the application of such standards on a project of similar size and complexity during the past 5 years. The standards to be adopted may include those of Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the EU, and the US, which are referred to in the World Bank Group EHS Guidelines.

Considering the COVID-19 world pandemic, the project will ensure the protection of its workers and comply with the national government's regulations regarding COVID-19 protection measures. The Project should prioritize and look after the well-being of the workers and monitor and follow the local and national health authority guidance on COVID-19. All workers are required to undergo COVID-19 testing; if a worker tests positive or is in contact with a positive COVID-19 case, the worker will be required to undergo a 14-day quarantine.

### 2.3.9 Duration and Timing of Construction Activities

The Santa Cruz construction is estimated to take approximately 12 months. The timing of the work will be a factor with respect to wet weather delays. Some delays will be experienced if an above-average wet season is encountered during the construction. Before the commencement of works, the contractor is required to prepare and submit a detailed work plan showing the stages of works required and a CESMP together with its subplans. Construction works shall be undertaken during the daytime hours of 7 am and 6 pm from Monday to Saturday, and any work outside the specified hours, including Sundays and public holidays, will only be permitted if approved by MCA. However, the Contractor may carry out work if it is unavoidable or necessary for the saving of life or property or the safety of the Works, in which case the contractor shall immediately advise the Engineer and Community Liaison Officer (CLO).



## 3 POLICY, LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE FRAMEWORK

### 3.1 National Requirements

The SIG has a well-established regulatory framework that provides measures to protect and preserve the environment. Legislation concerning the protection and preservation of the environment is found in a few acts and is the responsibility of several different ministries according to their focuses; they are detailed below:

#### 3.1.1 The Environment Act and Regulations

The Environment Act 1998 (the Act) and Environment Regulations 2008 (the Regulations) make provisions for the conservation and protection of the environment. The Act provides for an integrated system of development control, environmental assessment, and pollution control, including prevention, control, and monitoring of pollution, including regulating discharge of pollutants to air, water, or land, reducing risks to human health, and preventing of degradation of the environment; Regulating the transport, collection, treatment, storage and disposal of waste and promoting recycling, re-use and recovery of materials in an economically viable manner; and Complying with, and giving effect to, regional and international conventions and obligations relating to the environment.

The Second Schedule of the Act lists prescribed developments for which consent from the Environment and Conservation Division (ECD), accompanied by an environmental assessment reported as either a public environmental report (PER) or an environmental impact statement (EIS), is required. All prescribed developments require a “screening” or “scoping”, to see what form/level of environmental assessment is required. Most prescribed developments require a PER, while significant projects such as logging, mining, or large-scale tourism or infrastructure developments will need a more detailed appraisal, which includes technical, economic, environmental, and social investigations and consultations with stakeholders, presented in an EIS.

The Regulations extend the requirements of the PER/EIS to include (a) social impact on the surrounding communities; (b) ensuring public participation; (c) spelling out employment opportunities for Solomon Islanders; (d) a demographic impact assessment; (e) health impact assessment; (f) gender impact assessment; (g) noise impact assessment; (h) state whether any of the above would have short- or long-term harmful effects on the environment. The Director may have other requirements that will need to be fulfilled, such as notifying the applicant of any additional requirements within 31 days after notifying the applicant.

##### 3.1.1.1 Development Consent Application

Using Form 1 (as set out in Section 17 of the Act), send a written application to the Director of ECD. A standard fee must accompany this, including all the information requested, and a ruling on the type of environmental assessment that will be required (PER, EIS, or waiving of the requirement) must be required. Within 30 days, the Director of ECD will reply to advise of the final requirements for the assessment of the development.

If an EIS is required, the Director will organize a Public Meeting allowing at least 30 days for people to access the reports, discuss the results of the assessments, and hear objections from those who attend. For a PER, no public meeting is required. Within 14 days of the Public Meeting or publication of a PER, the Director will issue a Development Consent, with or without conditions, or decline the application for development consent. The Director issues the Development Consent, if satisfied that all requirements will be met, using Form 5. This may be subject to additional implementation conditions set by the Director. The Development Consent will require the deposit of an environmental bond of a sum to be determined by the Director. The developer will bear all costs associated with mitigating any adverse environmental impacts and may also be charged for the monitoring requirements attached

to the development consent. Costs incurred by ECD of monitoring a development will be paid to ECD by the applicant for an Environmental Inspector or according to the costs charged by an external person or body.

Given the scope of work for the airport works and the project risk rating, it is expected that a PER will be the requirement that will be developed based on this ESMP. The conditions of the resulting Development Consent will be included in the CESMP.

### 3.1.2 Other Acts

Relevant articles from other Acts governing these proposed works are listed below. The Contractor is responsible for ensuring that they are familiar with and compliant with these Acts.

Other Acts	Definitions
Mines and Minerals Act (1996)	Definitions: "Building materials" means clay, gravel, sand, and stone used for buildings, roads, or other construction purposes
	Definitions: "Landowner" in relation to a registered interest means the person in whose name the interest is for the time being registered, and in relation to customary land, means the person or persons who are or are, according to current customary usage, regarded as the owner or owners of the land.
	Definitions: "open cast mining" means surficial mining or quarrying of minerals exposed either at the surface or after removal of overburden.
	<p>Part VIII: Building Materials, <b>65.</b> -(1) Each applicant for a building materials permit shall specify in a written application to the Director-</p> <p>(a) his full name, address or, in the case of an application by a partnership or other association of persons, the full names, addresses and nationalities of all partners or all such persons, or, in the case of an application by a corporate body, the registered name and address of such body and the full names and nationalities of the directors and the full name and nationality of any shareholder who is the beneficial owner of more than five per cent of the issued capital;</p> <p>(b) a plan of the area, which shall not exceed half a square kilometre, for which the permit is sought.</p> <p>(c) the proposed plan for mining the building materials; and</p> <p>(d) such other information as the Director may require.</p> <p>(2) Each application shall be accompanied by the written consent to the issuance of the permit of the landowners in the area for which application is made, which consent may include such terms and conditions relating to surface access fees and compensation for damage as may have been agreed between the applicant and the landowners.</p> <p>(3) Each application shall be accompanied by payment of such application fee as shall be prescribed.</p>
River Waters Act (1964)	<p><b>5.</b> Any person who, except under and in accordance with the terms and conditions of a permit issued under this Act-</p> <p>(a) by means of a ditch, drain, channel, pipe or any other means whatsoever, diverts any water from a river.</p>

	<p><i>(b)</i> fells any tree so that it falls into a river or riverbed.</p> <p><i>(c)</i> in any manner obstructs or interferes with a river or riverbed;</p> <p><i>(d)</i> builds any bridge, jetty or landing stage over or beside any river.</p> <p><i>(e)</i> damages or interferes with the banks of any river; or</p> <p><i>(f)</i> contravenes any order made under section 4 of this Act,</p> <p>shall be guilty of an offence and without prejudice to the provisions of section 6, shall be liable to a fine of two hundred dollars or to imprisonment for six months or to both such fine and such imprisonment:</p> <p>Provided that nothing in this section shall apply to the diversion of water by any person for domestic purposes.</p> <p><b>8.</b>-(1) The Minister or, subject to the directions of the Minister, any inspector may in writing grant permits authorising, subject to the provisions of this Act and any regulations made thereunder and to such terms and conditions as shall be therein specified, any of the acts specified in paragraphs <i>(b)</i>, <i>(c)</i>, <i>(d)</i> and <i>(e)</i> of section 5.</p>
Safety at Work Act	<p>Purpose: an act to provide for the health, safety and welfare of persons at work and to protect persons against risks to health or safety arising out of or in connection with the activities of persons at work; to impose specific requirements in respect of certain articles and substances that are a potential source of danger; to make minor amendments of the labour act and the workmen's compensation act; and for connected purposes.</p> <p>Provides detailed regulations governing duties of dangerous machinery (article 19), electrical installations (article 20), flammable substances (article 22), and training (schedule 1)</p>
Labour Act	<p><b>13.</b>-(1) Subject to any lower maximum number of hours of employment applicable to him by virtue of any regulation, rules, contract or agreement negotiated on his behalf -</p> <p><i>(a)</i> the normal weekly hours of any worker shall not exceed forty-five hours;</p> <p><i>(b)</i> the normal daily hours of work of any worker in an industrial or agricultural undertaking shall not exceed nine hours;</p> <p><i>(c)</i> a worker whose hours of work exceed six hours daily shall be given a break of at least thirty minutes arranged so that the worker does not work continuously for more than five hours;</p> <p><i>(d)</i> hours of work and breaks from work shall be so arranged as not to require the worker's presence at the place of work for more than twelve hours daily;</p>

	<p>(e) a worker shall be given a weekly rest of at least twenty-four continuous hours, which shall, where practicable, include Sundays or other customary rest days; and</p> <p>(f) no worker shall be required to work on a gazetted public holiday or on more than six days in one week, unless such worker is employed in a service to which the Essential Services Act applies or in an occupation in which work on public holidays or customary rest days is expressly provided for in his contract of service.</p> <p>(2) The above limits on hours of work may be exceeded in those processes which by reason of their nature are required to be carried on continuously by a succession of shifts, subject to the condition that the average working hours shall not exceed nine daily and forty-five weekly over a period of three weeks;</p> <p>(3) Workers engaged on shift work shall be given at least twenty-four continuous hours of rest weekly notwithstanding that the incidence of shift rotas may be such that this rest period does not coincide with the normal or customary weekly rest days.</p> <p>(4) In order to ensure continuity of operations an employer may require workers engaged on shift work to remain on duty until relieved by the succeeding shift or until permitted to leave by the supervisor responsible:</p> <p>Provided that such workers shall be paid at overtime rates for any additional hours so worked.</p> <p>(5) The limit on hours of work specified in this section may be exceeded subject to the total hours worked (including hours of overtime) not, without the approval of the Commissioner, exceeding fifty-seven hours in any work weekly or two hundred and twenty-eight hours in any calendar month.</p> <p>(6) The onus of showing the necessity to extend hours of work beyond those provided for in subsections (2) and (5) shall lie on the employer in any particular case and shall be subject to approval by the Commissioner.</p>
	<p><b>37.</b>-(1) No person shall employ an immigrant or non-indigenous worker unless such worker has obtained from the Commissioner a work permit and the employment relate to the conditions of such work permit.</p> <p>(2) No immigrant or non-indigenous worker whether employed or self-employed shall work in Solomon Islands without a work permit from the Commissioner which shall specify the work which such immigrant or non-indigenous worker may undertake.</p>
	<p><b>39.</b> Women shall not be employed during the night in any undertaking, except where the night work-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) has to do with raw materials or materials in course of treatment which are subject to rapid deterioration; or</p> <p style="text-align: center;">...</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(c) is that of a responsible position of management held by a woman who is not ordinarily engaged in manual work; or</p> <p style="text-align: center;">...</p>

	(h) is not prohibited by an international convention applying to Solomon Islands and is specifically declared by the Minister by order to be work upon which women may so be employed.
	<b>46.</b> No child under the age of twelve years shall be employed in any capacity whatsoever
	<b>47.</b> A person under the age of fifteen shall not be employed or work - (a) in any industrial undertaking, or in any branch thereof, except in employment approved by the Minister; or...
	<b>70.</b> -(1) At every place of employment the employer shall provide for all workers such medical attention and treatment with medicines of good quality, first-aid equipment and appliances for the transportation of sick or injured workers as may be required by the Commissioner or a Health Officer.

### 3.2 Regional Governance

The Provincial Government Act formalized the division of the SI into provinces, with Nendo Island falling under the governance of the Temotu Province. Each province has an elected Provincial Assembly representing each of the ‘wards’ in the provinces. The central government has devolved a few responsibilities to the provincial government; however, the exact delineation of authority can be unclear. Schedule 5 of the Provincial Government Act lists the provincial legislative matters and listed in Table 1 below:

**Table 1: Schedule of the Provincial Government Act**

Category	Definition
Trade and Industry	Local licensing of professions, trades, and businesses, as well as local marketing.
Cultural and Environment	Local crafts. Historical remains. Protection of wild creatures.
Transport	Coastal and lagoon shipping. Provision, maintenance, and improvement of harbors, roads, and bridges.
Finance	Raising revenue by (a) head tax, (b) property tax, (c) fees for services performed or licenses issued by or on behalf of the Provincial Executive (other than services performed or licenses issued by them as agent of another); and (d) such other means as may be approved for the purposes of this paragraph by the Minister by order.
Agriculture and Fishing	Animal husbandry. Management of agricultural land. Grants, loans, and subsidies are available for agricultural production—protection, improvement, and maintenance of freshwater and reef fisheries.
Land and Land Use	Codification and amendment of existing customary law about land. Registration of customary rights with respect to land, including customary fishing rights. Physical planning is not allowed except within a local planning area (within the meaning of the Town and Country Planning Act or an area to which Part IV of that Act has been applied (development areas).
Local Matters	Fire services and fire protection. Waste disposal and cleansing services. Rest houses, eating at houses, and similar places. Public conveniences. Vagrancy. Public nuisances. Cemeteries. Parks and recreation grounds. Markets. Keeping of domestic animals. Building Standards.
Local Government	(1) The constitution, area, and general powers and duties of Area Councils and similar bodies, their revenue and expenditure. (2) The making of by-laws by such bodies, that is, laws (a) affecting only the area of responsibility of the body; (b) not having effect until confirmed by

	the Provincial Executive; and (c) not made for a purpose for which provision is made by, or is or may be made under any other enactment. (3) To determine by resolution of the Provincial Assembly the salaries and allowances to be paid in respect of area councillors.
Housing	Housing. Regulation of rents.
Rivers and Waters	Control and use of river waters; pollution of water; provision of water supplies (other than urban water supply in areas prescribed by the Minister under the Solomon Islands Water Authority Act).
Liquor	Liquor licensing
Corporate or Statutory bodies	Establish corporate or statutory bodies to provide provincial services, including economic activity.

### 3.3 Consents and Permitting

Based on a review of the legislative requirements, a summary of national consents and permits that may be required is listed in Table 2 below.

**Table 2: Permitting Requirements for the Santa Cruz Airport Works**

Consents Required	Agency Responsible for Applying	Ministry
Development Consent	Contractor/MCA	Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology (MECDM)
License to discharge waste, emit noise, odor or electromagnetic radiation	Contractor/MCA	MECDM
License to store fuel and oil	Contractor	MMERE
Permit to mine (quarry) building materials	Contractor/MCA	MMERE
Exemption for offshore insurance	Contractor/MCA	MoFR
Work Permit for expatriate employees	Contractor/MCA	Ministry of Commerce, Industries, Labour and Immigration (MCILI)
Residency permits for expatriate employees	Contractor/MCA	MCILI
Biosecurity import clearance	Contractor/MCA	Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAL)
Development Permit	Contractor/MCA	Lata Provincial Office

### 3.4 World Bank Environmental and Social Framework

World Bank Environmental and Social Risk Specialists have screened the SIRAP2 project for risks and impacts using the ESS within the ESF. The project has been deemed to have an environmental and social risk rating of ‘Substantial,’ meaning that it is significant to medium scale and some risks have a medium probability of resulting in longer-term impacts requiring significant time and investment to mitigate or remediate.

The Environmental and Social Risk Screening (ESRS) completed by the WB team identifies the relevant ESS that apply to the SIRAP2 activities. These are:

- ESS 1: Assessment and Management of Environmental and Social Risks and Impacts
- ESS 2: Labour and Working Conditions
- ESS 3: Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention
- ESS 4: Community Health and Safety
- ESS 5: Land Acquisition, Restrictions on Land Use and Involuntary Resettlement
- ESS 6: Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources

- ESS 8: Cultural Heritage
- ESS 10: Stakeholder Engagement and Information Disclosure

### 3.4.1 Accompanying ESF Instruments

The following instruments are also being produced for all SIRAP2 project sites and should be implemented in conjunction with this ESMP.

**LABOUR MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (LMP):** The LMP includes terms and conditions of employment, nondiscrimination, and equal opportunity (which includes a safe work environment free from violence and sexual harassment), workers' organizations, restrictions on child and forced labor, and OHS in design, construction, and operational phases.

**STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN (SEP):** The SEP<sup>3</sup> has been prepared by PST on behalf of the client. It outlines a structured approach for community outreach and two-way engagement with stakeholders in appropriate languages, as well as adopting measures to include vulnerable and disadvantaged groups (poor, disabled, elderly, isolated communities). It is based upon meaningful consultation and disclosure of appropriate information.

**PRELIMINARY RESETTLEMENT PLAN (PRP):** PST has developed a PRP on behalf of the client to manage any potential risks related to the acquisition of land for SRIAP2.

#### 3.4.1.1 Environmental, Health and Safety Guidelines

WB Environmental, Health, and Safety Guidelines (EHS<sup>4</sup>) also apply to these works and have been used to inform the mitigation and management measures in this ESIA.

**GENERAL EHS<sup>4</sup>:** These guidelines are technical reference documents with general and industry-specific examples of Good International Industry Practice (GIIP).

**AIRPORT EHS<sup>5</sup>:** to be read in conjunction with the General EHS<sup>4</sup>, these guidelines present specific design considerations for airports.

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<sup>3</sup> <https://documents1.worldbank.org/curated/en/099030103242211962/pdf/P1765480225372000bdd309acc67833a30.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> [https://www.ifc.org/wps/wcm/connect/topics\\_ext\\_content/ifc\\_external\\_corporate\\_site/sustainability-at-ifc/policies-standards/ehs-guidelines](https://www.ifc.org/wps/wcm/connect/topics_ext_content/ifc_external_corporate_site/sustainability-at-ifc/policies-standards/ehs-guidelines)

<sup>5</sup> <https://documents.worldbank.org/en/publication/documents-reports/documentdetail/665381496052174463/environmental-health-and-safety-guidelines-for-airports>

## 4 PROJECT SETTING

AECOM carried out a preliminary assessment of the existing conditions on September 21. This was for the marine assessment. The findings from the marine assessment were used in this report. On January 22, MCA and PST conducted an introductory meeting with the Provincial Government, and two initial consultations were held at Area 4 and Luova. No assessments or consultations were conducted after the January 2022 site. A follow-up visit was undertaken in September 2023<sup>6</sup>This was a joint site visit with the MCA, PST, and Design Engineering teams. During this visit, field observations were conducted, and this ESMP was updated using the marine survey and a number of secondary sources.

### 4.1 Site Description

Santa Cruz Airport is on the outskirts of Lata (Figure 11). Lata, located on Nendo Island, is the provincial capital of Temotu Province. Temotu Province is the easternmost province of the Solomon Islands, geographically isolated with difficulties of local transport and thus remote from the Santa Cruz group, which has remained virtually unexplored <sup>7</sup>. Geographically, Temotu Province is closer to Vanuatu than Honiara, the capital of the Solomon Islands. Temotu Province is made up of three islands, namely Santa Cruz (Nendo), Reefs Islands, and the Duff Islands (Outer Islands). The islands are scattered with white sandy beaches, with good snorkelling and surfing along the south coast, and ancient Pacific Kauri trees grow at Vanikoro and Santa Cruz <sup>8</sup>.

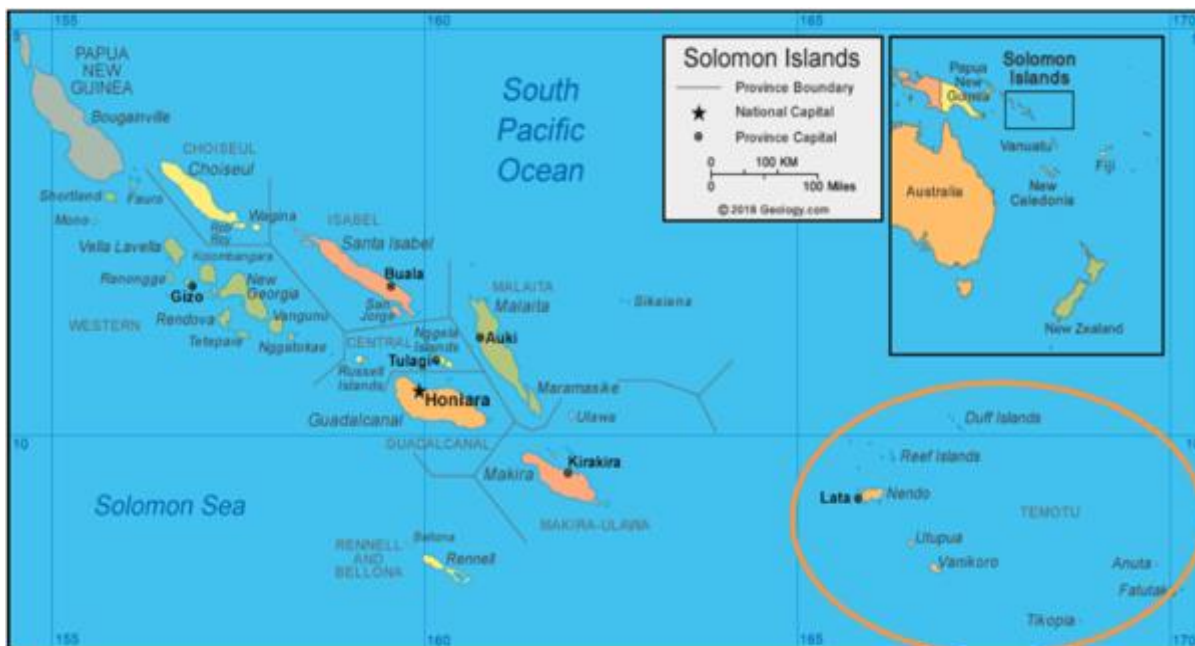


Figure 11: Site of Santa Cruz Airport on Lata within Temotu Province (highlighted in orange circle)

<sup>6</sup> Site visits and community consultation activities by various members of the detailed design team to confirm conditions and provide engineering solutions, Egis in association with Azimuth Engineers.

<sup>7</sup> Tennent, J. W (2002). Butterflies (Lepidoptera: Rhopalocera) of the Santa Cruz group of islands, Temotu Province, Solomon Islands. *Nachrentomol. Ver. Apollo, N. F. 23 (1/2): 65–70 (2002)*. [https://www.zobodat.at/pdf/NEVA\\_23\\_0065-0070.pdf](https://www.zobodat.at/pdf/NEVA_23_0065-0070.pdf) (Accessed 1 November 2019)

<sup>8</sup> Natural Solomons Consultant (2021) Marine Survey and Assessment Report for Santa Cruz Airport Upgrade Project, Temotu Province.





Figure 12: Santa Cruz airport showing both runway ends

## 4.2 Sensitive Receptors





Lata has homes, schools, a few small guesthouses, a port, and a central market located to the south of the airfield. To the north of the airfield are scattered residences and plantations or kitchen gardens. Homes, schools, and markets are categorized as sensitive receptors where people can be more susceptible to the adverse effects of exposure, like traffic (safety), noise, dust, and vibrations. Sensitive receptors do not usually include places of business or public open space.

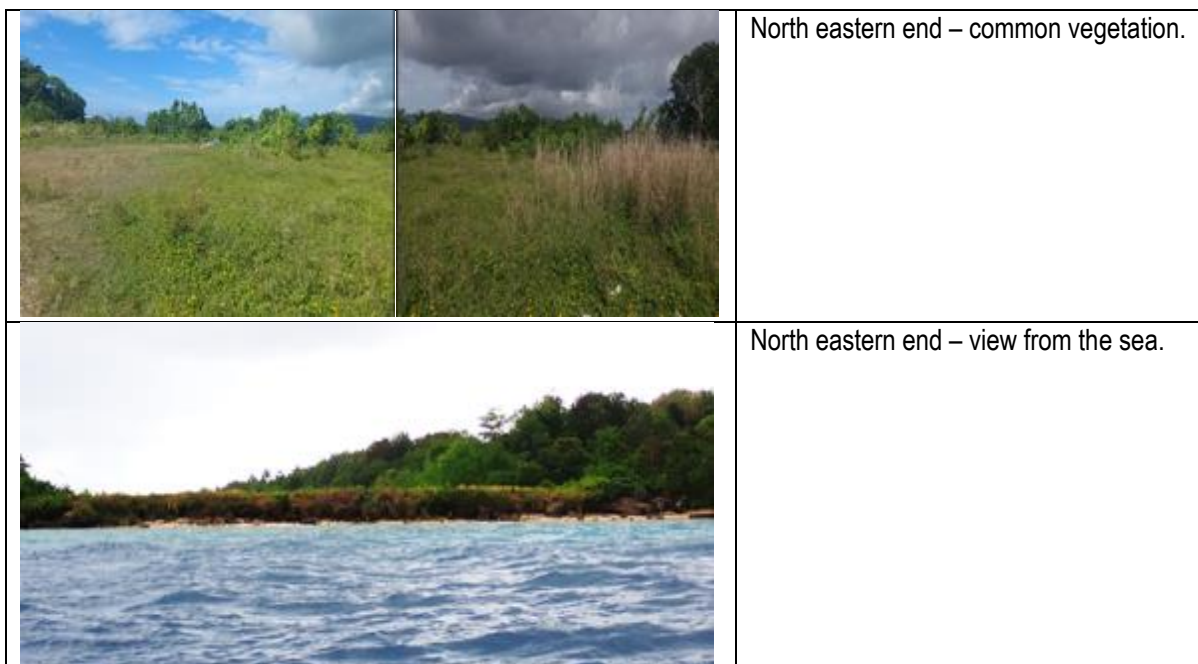
Sensitive receptor mapping was carried out for this project during the site visit in September 2023. In Area 4 (Southern end of the runway), people build within the 200m MCA leased boundary. However, as per the detailed design, those houses will not be impacted by the project except for access roads on both ends of the runway. There are dug wells and a school, which are just on the adjacent boundary. At either end of the runway is the sensitive marine environment, which has been surveyed for this project, and the results will be reported later in this section. Towards the southwestern end, where the seawall will be constructed, the environment consists mainly of rocky edges with coastal vines and associated shrubs down the slope in the seaward direction. There are also patches of mangrove species known as *Sonneratia alba* along the waterfront where the wind shock is located. There is a very low presence of live marine forms found since there are no live corals, only dead exposed rocks. A locally managed marine area is also about 600m southwest of the airport at Nela Village.



Figure 13: Image shows extent of SIG airfield lease land and border of image is approximately 200m from lease boundary

Table 3: Photos of Existing Conditions of the Site

	<p>Looking towards the existing runway.</p>
	<p>The southern end of the extension area.</p>
	<p>Wind shock at the southern side of the runway.</p>
	<p>Nela Village looking towards the south western end.</p>
	<p>North Eastern Side showing existing access road to Luova.</p>



Another proposed quarry site is located approximately 4km South of Lata Town. The quarry site covers an area of 5000m<sup>2</sup>, refer to **Error! Reference source not found.** for location of the site. No endangered or endemic species of flora or fauna have been found at the proposed quarry site. There is no visible natural water course nearby. The site is not located close to any village and is only about 100m from a house (owned by the landowners) and has no food gardens or subsistence farming. Vegetation is comprised mostly of secondary vegetation or common regrowth, including common lowland and littoral plants such as ferns, *Macaranga denarius*, *Xanthomonas campestris*, shrubs, and common creepers. Fruit trees such as pacific lychee (*Pometia pinnata*) and breadfruit (*Artocarpus altilis*). Along the haulage route, sensitive receptors identified include residences, hospitals, and other government offices at Lata.



Figure 14: Aerial view of Quarry Site C

Table 4: Current Conditions of the Site





### 4.3 Physical Environment

The following sections describe the physical environment.

#### 4.3.1 Location and Geography

The Solomon Islands is the Pacific's largest archipelagic nation, extending some 1,500 km from east to west and consisting of nearly 1,000 islands, the largest of which include Guadalcanal, Malaita, and New Georgia (in Western Province). The country is bordered by Papua New Guinea to the west, Nauru to the north, Tuvalu and Fiji to the east, and Vanuatu to the south.

Santa Cruz airport is in Lata, on Nendo Island, which is the largest of the Santa Cruz islands within the Temotu Province of the Solomon Islands (Figure 15). Temotu Province is 895 km<sup>2</sup> and consists of two chains of islands that run parallel to each other from the northwest to the southeast.

Nendo Island has an area of 505 km<sup>2</sup> and its highest point is 549m. The island is approximately 45km long and 17km wide and forms part of the most remote province within the Solomon Islands. The Santa Cruz Islands are less than five million years old and were pushed upward by the tectonic subduction of the northward-moving Indo-Australian Plate under the Pacific Plate. The islands are mostly composed of limestone and volcanic ash over limestone.



often experience high wave energy but does experience currents passing by between Malo Island and Lata. Closer to the ocean is characterized by large boulders and hard pan reefs consisting of flat, hard surfaces and rubbles with very thin lines of sand (Figure 16). There is seagrass cover and few live patches of coral reef at the reef crest.

The southwestern end is exposed to high wave energy during bad weather and strong heat from the sun during low tide. This end consists of an extensive seagrass meadow (Figure 17). There is coastal erosion evident at the southwestern edges and the airport end boundary due to high-energy wave action. This part of the airport is exposed to the open ocean, with the long reef flat as a buffer to the exposed side however over time, this has eroded (Figure 18).

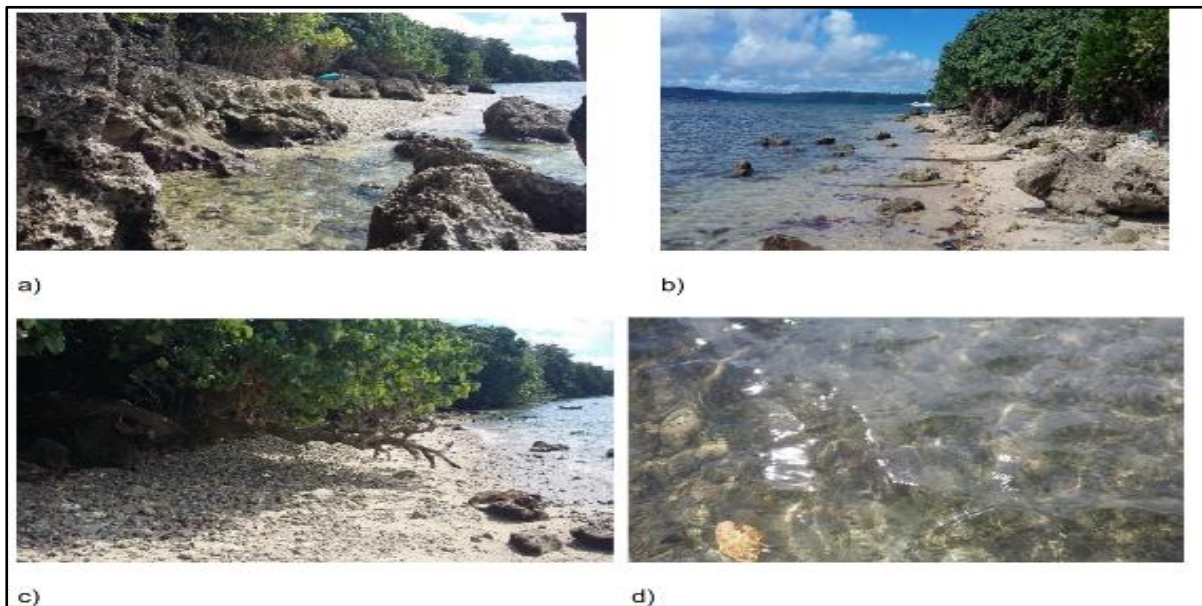


Figure 16: Different morphological makeup at the northeast end of the airport (Source: Marine Survey and Assessment Report for Santa Cruz Airport Upgrade Project)



Figure 17: Map showing the coastal morphology and habitat types along Lata airport marine area (Source: Marine Survey and Assessment Report for Santa Cruz Airport Upgrade Project)

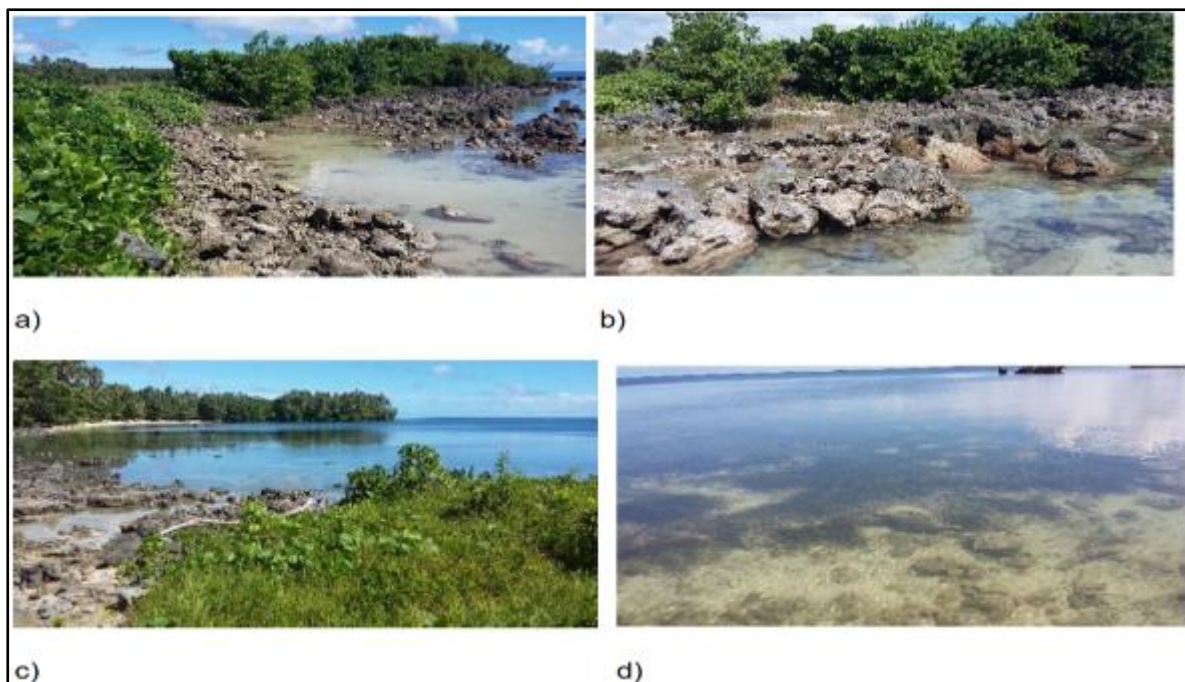


Figure 18: Different morphological makeup at the southwest end of the airport (Source: Marine Survey and Assessment Report for Santa Cruz Airport Upgrade Project)

#### 4.3.4 Water Resources

Water resources in the Solomon Islands range from sizable rivers to small streams from high mountainous and dense rainforests to rainwater harvesting and thin freshwater lens of underground aquifer of the small low-lying atolls and islets<sup>11</sup>.

Lata has a water supply system owned and operated by the provincial government rather than by the Solomon Islands Water Authority (SIWA). The supply system on Lata consists of 1 freshwater spring, 2 reservoirs, 1 high lifting pump station, and 5km of 100mm galvanized iron pipes (pre-1955)<sup>12</sup> However, the water supply system is no longer operational, and according to SIWA's 30-Year Strategic Plan, these assets are past their design life and/or in poor condition, requiring replacement.

Households and motels in Lata depend on rainwater harvesting and underground water wells for the continuous supply of water. When the water supply is insufficient, freshwater is transported from Nembo Spring to fill water tanks. In October 2022 a water tank was gifted to the Lata Hospital<sup>13</sup> to store water for the hospital, which had been facing severe water shortages in dry seasons. Lata Hospital sourced its water from the freshwater spring at Nembo. Water trucks usually transport water from Nembo Spring to the hospital to fill up hospital tanks.

#### 4.3.5 Land Resources and Soils

Soil fertility ranges widely between and within the islands, ranging from quite infertile and mildly toxic soils to highly fertile soils in limited areas derived from volcanic ash and alluvial deposits. Most upland soils have good structures but either lack one or more major nutrients or have a strong nutrient imbalance.

<sup>11</sup> IWCM diagnostic report

<sup>12</sup> Hunter H2O, June 2017, SIWA 30 Year Strategic Plan

<sup>13</sup> <https://solomons.gov.sb/new-water-tanker-truck-to-serve-lata-hospital/> (accessed on 16 Jan 2023)



## 4.4 Biological Environment

### 4.4.1 Marine Environment

A marine assessment was commissioned as part of the Santa Cruz airport preparation work, and the results are presented below. This section is a direct presentation of the survey report<sup>14</sup>.

The environmental values related to the marine ecosystem are described using baseline surveys, traditional knowledge, and available literature on marine ecosystem ecology in the region

The marine and physical survey of baseline assessment included the following:

- Coral community substrate cover
- Fish size and abundance
- Benthic invertebrates
- Coastal Morphology
- Habitat Characterization
- Water Column and Bottom Characterization

One-on-one and random Interviews with locals around Lata station communities were also undertaken to gain an understanding of the local marine fisheries and supplement the field observation. Papers, books, previous studies, and websites were also consulted for background and other relevant information for this assessment.

#### 4.4.1.1 Survey Methods

**CORAL REEF SUBSTRATE<sup>15</sup>:** A 50m x 3 transect line was laid along the reef areas between 1- 3m deep. Line intercept points were used for every 1m, and the substrate was recorded at each point. Three transects were used per site (Figure 19) surveyed. For a site, coral percentage composition covers of the following categories was estimated:

- Massive coral (family: *Siderastreidae* sidereal)
- Branching coral (family: *Acroporidae*)
- Soft coral (*Alcyonacea*)
- Algae
- Bleached coral
- Recently dead
- Rock, sand or rubble

**BENTHIC INVERTEBRATES<sup>16</sup>:** Slow swim along each coral transect, carrying out a 2m belt transect visual survey, recording all benthic invertebrates observed. For each observation, species and size were recorded. For each site the mean size and abundance of the following commercially important and/or indicator species were to be calculated:

- Trochus shell (*Trochus niloticus*)
- Crayfish
- Clams (*Genus Panulirus*)
- Sea cucumber species (all sp.)
- Crown of thorns (*Acanthasta planci*)
- Sea Urchin (*Diadem spp*)
- Oysters (*Pinctada & Pteria*)
- Triton Shell (*Charonia Tritonis*)

**FISH SURVEY<sup>17</sup>:** A 3m belt transect survey was undertaken over each of the study sites through a slow swim. For each of the target fish species observed, its length was estimated. Fish under 5cm were not included in the survey. The target fish species are important food fish for food and commercial and some indicator species that can help identify the health of the coral reef system. Interview with local fishermen provided information on the presence and location of different fish species. The fish species on the list for survey and included for assessment were:

<sup>14</sup> Natural Solomons Consultant (2021) Marine Survey and Assessment Report for Santa Cruz Airport Upgrade Project, Temotu Province.

<sup>15</sup> Natural Solomons Consultant (2021) Marine Survey and Assessment Report for Santa Cruz Airport Upgrade Project, Temotu Province.

<sup>16</sup> Natural Solomons Consultant (2021) Marine Survey and Assessment Report for Santa Cruz Airport Upgrade Project, Temotu Province.

<sup>17</sup> Natural Solomons Consultant (2021) Marine Survey and Assessment Report for Santa Cruz Airport Upgrade Project, Temotu Province.

- Parrot fish (Labridae)
- Groupers (Serranidae)
- Emperors (Lehtrinaidae)
- Sweetlips (Haemulidae)
- Wrasse (Labridae)
- Rabbit fish (Siganidae)
- Snapper (Lutjanidae)
- Surgeon fish (Acanthuridae)
- Butterfly fish (Chaetodontidae)
- Trigger fish (Balistidae)



Figure 19: Survey sites at the southwestern (left) and northern (right) ends of the runway (Source: Marine Survey and Assessment Report for Santa Cruz Airport Upgrade Project)

#### 4.4.1.2 Results and Discussion

**CORAL REEF<sup>18</sup>:** The substrate cover at the southwest reef system showed that dead corals have the highest percentage cover (60%), followed by Rock, rubble, and sand (30%), live patches of corals of both massive and branching coral (sub-massive) (10%) and finally algae. This showed that 10 to 15 meters from the end of the northeast boundary to the reef system has very low live coral forms. The result indicated that the coral reef is deteriorating, and from general observation of swimming further from where the transect line stopped; the general reef characters were similar. It is obvious that massive coral boulders, after they died, were covered by algae growth, and coral boulders and rubbles were washed ashore by strong wave action. Thus, the reef condition is not healthy along the northeast end coast towards the Lata station wharf. The cause for such conditions could be an increase in sea temperature, exposure to high energy wave action during bad weather, exposure to direct heat during low tide, crown of thorns (COT) starfish (*Acanthaster planci*) effects, and human intervention by using the coral boulders for seawall and lime for chewing betel nut.

In comparison to the southwest edge and the airport end boundary reef system, there is a very low percentage to no life forms of corals present 10 to 15m from the coast. Along the southwest coast edges, there are dead coralline coral boulders and sand patches. As you move further towards the reef direction, there is a huge cover of seagrass (*Thalassia hemprichii*) before the live coral reef system at the far outer reef edge. The southwest end boundary of the airport has similar characteristics and a huge cover of seagrass at the bay going reef wards. The seagrass cover from the southwest bay end to the fringing reef is more than about 150 meters distance before reaching the live coral reef crest. There is a higher tendency for reefs located in lagoons and near large land masses to be periodically affected by extreme weather events resulting in masses of freshwater and sediments flowing over and damaging coral reefs (Wilkinson, 1999). Those located in exposed areas tend to experience higher wave energy and stronger currents and are thus better at flushing out sediments and having clearer waters.

<sup>18</sup> Natural Solomons Consultant (2021) Marine Survey and Assessment Report for Santa Cruz Airport Upgrade Project, Temotu Province.

**BENTHIC INVERTEBRATES**<sup>19</sup>: No invertebrates were encountered during the survey; this may be due to the overexploitation of resources by the Lata population. The reef along the northeast end of the airport has no invertebrates encountered; however, through interviews, that is where the source of commercial invertebrates such as trochus shell (*Tectus niloticus*) and sea cucumber species used to be found. Today, such resources are not found easily in Lata as the population increases and the demand for cash income is high.

The biological survey results showed no population of invertebrates encountered. The increasing population of Lata is putting high pressure on important invertebrate species, and the nature of the substrate and exposure to high-energy wave action are not conducive for some of these important invertebrate species.

**FISH ABUNDANCE AND SIZE**<sup>20</sup>The survey result showed that most food fish and commercially important fish are not found, and the present sizes are small. This is because the reef area is within the Lata town area and is used for night diving and netting. Fish resources are depleting and scarce in this zone due to high pressure from the increasing population on Lata Provincial station and the nature of the coral reef habitat at present. The fish community compositions discussed here are based on traditional knowledge and information from local community fishers and resource users.

The most dominant coral reef fish within the coral reef surrounding the airport site are the parrot fish (family *S caridae*), wrasse (Family *Labridae*), butterflyfish (*Chaetodon vagabundus*), and damsel fish (*Pomacentridae*), black surgeon fish (*Acanthurus bahianus*). These fish are the dominant groups in the Solomon Islands in terms of both the number of species and the number of individuals (Green et al., 2012). According to Lata's residence, the fish resources are depleted due to the increasing population, the demand for fish, and the current status of the coral reef habitat.

#### 4.4.1.3 Habitat Characterisation

At the northern end of the runway (Figure 20 to Figure 23), about 30% of the area within the zone of influence is covered by Seagrass (*Thalassia hemprichii*)<sup>21</sup>. Amongst the seagrass habitat, there was a very small population of individuals of blue starfish, crabs, and massive coral growth. There are no food or commercially important species in that zone and less amount of living species. It was within the intertidal zone where the conditions were harsh due to high-energy wave action and wind; therefore, no living species or live corals survived. Dead rock and rubble reef flat and stones and patches of sand cover about 35% of the zone of influence in front of the airport.



**Figure 20: Seagrass meadow cover in area of influence at northeast end coast of airport (Source: Marine Survey and Assessment Report for Santa Cruz Airport Upgrade Project)**

<sup>19</sup> Natural Solomons Consultant (2021) Marine Survey and Assessment Report for Santa Cruz Airport Upgrade Project, Temotu Province.

<sup>20</sup> Natural Solomons Consultant (2021) Marine Survey and Assessment Report for Santa Cruz Airport Upgrade Project, Temotu Province.

<sup>21</sup> Natural Solomons Consultant (2021) Marine Survey and Assessment Report for Santa Cruz Airport Upgrade Project, Temotu Province.



**Figure 21: Coastal sand rock and coastal trees at the northeast end (Source: Marine Survey and Assessment Report for Santa Cruz Airport Upgrade Project)**



**Figure 22: Rocky area with coastal vines at northeast end of airport (Source: Marine Survey and Assessment Report for Santa Cruz Airport Upgrade Project)**

The southwestern habitat<sup>22</sup> is mostly a rocky edge with coastal vine vegetation sloping down towards the sea. Most of the coastline is rocky, going down seaward facing the open sea and the bay, with a hard rocky, flat bottom with patches of live forms of corals and invertebrates (crabs, sea urchins) but a vast cover of seagrass (*Thalassia hemprichii*) meadow and sea grass fish grazing area during high tide. This end of the airport will be reclaimed. Thus, there will be permanent loss to the ecosystem and habitats with minor environmental impact.



**Figure 23: Eroded southwest end edge with dead rocks along the coast (Source: Marine Survey and Assessment Report for Santa Cruz Airport Upgrade Project)**

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<sup>22</sup> Natural Solomons Consultant (2021) Marine Survey and Assessment Report for Santa Cruz Airport Upgrade Project, Temotu Province.



**Figure 24: Southwest sandy reef flat with seagrass meadow cover towards the bay and the reef edge (Source: Marine Survey and Assessment Report for Santa Cruz Airport Upgrade Project)**

A locally managed marine area is located at Nela Village, about 600m southwest of the airport. This was identified during the community consultation at Nela Village. According to the community people, this Locally Managed Marine Area (LMMA) is a community-based approach to managing their marine resources. It empowers local communities to take charge of their marine resources and protect them from overharvesting.



**Figure 25: Showing location of Locally Managed Marine Area at Nela, Santa Cruz**

#### 4.4.2 Terrestrial Biodiversity

The proposed works are on the outskirts of Lata, which is characterized by urban and peri-urban areas. The land surrounding the airfield is a heavily modified town or agricultural area with no primary, notable, or critical terrestrial habitats. Residential houses and larger vegetated gardens characterize the peri-urban areas. There are gardens observed at the southwestern end of the runway, and garden crops planted consist mostly of sweet potatoes (*Ipomoea batatas*). Vegetation along the southwestern side of the runway comprises mostly Coconut (*Cocos nucifera*), banana (*Musa sp*), *Premna corymbosa*, *Macaranga Sp*, Breadfruit (*Artocarpus altilis*), and fern *sp*. The northeast coast facing Malo Island consists mostly of coastal trees such as *Premna corymbosa*, *Macaranga Sp*, Fish poison tree (*Barringtonia asiatica*), shrubs, grasses, vines, and weeds. On the opposite side of the airport terminal, vegetation comprises teak (*Tectona grandis*), sago palms (*Metroxylon sp*), Alite (*Terminalia catappa*),

Coconut (*Cocos nucifera*), Noni (*Morinda citrifolia*), Breadfruit (*Artocarpus altilis*) and Cut-Nut (*Barringtonia Edulis*). None of the vegetation identified is of endangered, threatened, or vulnerable species.



**Figure 26: Root crop garden at SW end of the runway**



**Figure 27: Typical Vegetation on the NE end of the runway**



**Figure 28: Typical Vegetation opposite of the airport terminal**

Vegetation in the quarry site south of Lata Town, comprises secondary regrowth, mainly littoral plants including common vegetation ground cover such as ferns and creepers, and *Macaranga denarius*, *Xanthomonas campestris*, and shrubs as well as Fruit trees such as pacific lychee (*Pometia pinnata*) and breadfruit (*Artocarpus altilis*).



Figure 29: Typical vegetation on site (Quarry C)

Nendo Island hosts an Important Bird and Biodiversity Area (IBA) and Alliance for Zero Extinction Site (AZE)<sup>23</sup> (Figure 30) (collectively referred to as Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA). The project sits wholly within these KBAs. Temotu Island qualifies as a KBA of international significance as it meets the thresholds for four criteria described in the Global Standard for the Identification of KBAs<sup>24</sup>. Those criteria are<sup>25</sup>:

Table 5: KBA Criteria met by Temotu Island

Criteria	Description
A1a Threatened Species	Sites qualifying as KBAs under criterion A1 hold a significant proportion of the global population size of a species facing a high risk of extinction, and so contribute to the global persistence of biodiversity at genetic and species levels. The site regularly holds $\geq 0.5\%$ of the global population size AND $\geq 5$ reproductive units of a CR or EN species
A1e Threatened Species	Sites qualifying as KBAs under criterion A1 hold a significant proportion of the global population size of a species facing a high risk of extinction and so contribute to the global persistence of biodiversity at genetic and species levels. The site effectively holds the entire global population size of a CR or EN species.
B1	The site holds a significant proportion of the global population size of a geographically restricted species and, therefore, contributes significantly to the global persistence of biodiversity at the genetic and species levels.

<sup>23</sup> <https://www.ibat-alliance.org/free-visual-data-map> (accessed 16 Jan 2023)

<sup>24</sup> <https://www.keybiodiversityareas.org/site/factsheet/29786> (access 16 Jan 2023)

<sup>25</sup> IUCN, 2016, A Global Standard for the Identification of Key Biodiversity Areas, Version 1.0

	Site regularly holds $\geq 10\%$ of the global population size AND $\geq 10$ reproductive units of a species.
B2	Sites qualifying as KBAs under criterion B2 hold a significant proportion of the global population size of multiple restricted-range species and so contribute significantly to the global persistence of biodiversity at the genetic and species levels. The site regularly holds % of the global population size of each of a number of restricted-range species in a taxonomic group, determined as either $\geq 2$ species OR 0.02% of the global number of species in the taxonomic group, whichever is larger.



Figure 30: Key Biodiversity Area (IBA and AZE) surrounding Lata and project site

Part of the KBA is the AZE, which applies to the entire island. An AZE is a trigger where an area effectively contains the entire population of certain species. For Nendo Island, the AZE is triggered by the Temotu Flying Fox (*Pteropus nitendiensis*) and the Santa Cruz shrikebill (*Clytorhynchus sanctaecrucis*). The entire known population of both species is contained within this AZE<sup>26</sup>.

Identified threats to the Nendo Island KBAs are logging, cyclones, and small-scale forest loss to provide for subsistence farming<sup>27</sup>.

#### 4.4.3 Rare or Endangered Species

The Solomon Islands is one of the most biologically diverse countries in the world; linked to this is a high number of critically endangered, endangered, vulnerable, and endemic (to the country and provincial level) species. The 2008 State of the Environment Report details many of these species. However, specific listings for Temotu Province have not been reported. A 2014 assessment of threatened birds and flying foxes on the Santa Cruz Islands<sup>28</sup> identifies the following International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) listed species and their status for Nendo Island. Species marked with an asterisk are possibly found on Nendo, but this is unconfirmed.

Table 6: Species and IUCN Status

Species	IUCN Status
Temotu Flying Fox	Endangered
Santa Cruz Ground Dove*	Endangered
Palm Lorikeet	Vulnerable
Santa Cruz Shrikebill	Endangered
Santa Cruz White Eye	Near Threatened

<sup>26</sup> <https://zeroextinction.org/site-identification/2018-global-aze-map/> (access on 16 Jan 2023)

<sup>27</sup> <https://www.keybiodiversityareas.org/site/factsheet/29786> (access on 16 Jan 2023)

<sup>28</sup> EcoOceania, 2014, Surveys of Threatened Birds and Flying Foxes in the Santa Cruz Islands, Solomon Islands, September – October 2014



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The NZE described in Section 4.4.2 is home to the Temotu Flying Fox (*Pteropus nitendiensis*), which is endemic to the island and classified as Endangered and decreasing in the IUCN Red List, but is recorded as relatively common on Nendo, with it occupying a mixture of habitats from forest to gardens<sup>29</sup>. The Santa Cruz shrike-bill (*Clytorhynchus sanctaecrucis*) has also been endangered and is decreasing. A further species identified in the IUCN Red List is the Santa Cruz ground dove, which is present on Nendo Island and is listed as endangered with a declining population<sup>30</sup> which was surveyed as occupying primary forests of Nendo at altitudes of 100m and 230m on steep gullies, while none were detected in secondary forests or gardens<sup>31</sup>.

From the site assessment and biodiversity survey conducted, no endangered species of fauna, including birds, rats or frog were sighted. The only birds observed were police birds or willie wagtails (*Rhipiduras*) and grass birds which are common on the island. Vegetation on site is mostly secondary forests trees and shrubs. A transect walk was conducted at site on the 17 March 2025 to get the overview of the biodiversity of the area. From the observation, the plant species in the area include Parasol leaf tree (*Macaranga peltata*), Sea Hibiscus (*Hibiscus tiliaceus*), Taun tree (*pometia pinnata*), Kamau (*Ficus copiosa*), Tree fern (*Sphaeropteris cooperi*) and River Taramind (*Leucaena leucocephala*). As noted, these species are commonly found in most islands in the province and other parts of the country.

## 4.5 Socio-Economic Conditions

### 4.5.1 Land Tenure and Rights

Most land (86%) in the Solomon Islands is still held under customary tenure, where every member of a landholding entity, such as tribal, clan, or family, is vested with the rights to use and access it. Non-owners usually have limited rights such as right of use, easement, or right of way. Because no system allows customary land to be surveyed and registered, it is often very difficult for outsiders to identify land boundaries and to identify who 'owns' the customary land.

The Commissioner of Lands (CoL) has the power to administer public lands and allocate interests to others. Once land is registered, the estate title owner has indefeasibility, except for overriding public interest or when the High Court issues an order to set aside the registration because of fraud or mistake. Under the Land and Titles Act 2014, the Commissioner of Lands' discretionary power can only be exercised subject to directions of the Land Board.

The Santa Cruz Airport land is registered SIG land, the perpetual estate (PE) title holder being the commissioner of lands (COL). The land area is 22.76ha, and it includes the quarry site proposed for the works. The other quarry site C proposed to be used is customary land (not registered) owned by the Menoni Family of Venga. For the use of the land, an agreement was reached with the owners regarding rights to use and ease of access.

### 4.5.2 Population and Demographics

The last census for the Solomon Islands was undertaken in 2019, and the data for 2019 demographics has recently been published in September 2023. The census in 2019 showed the population of the Temotu Province was 22,319, of which 62 11,055 are male, and 11,264 are female, and across 4,699 households. Population density is 25.7 persons/km<sup>2</sup>. The median age by sex for the province is 20.3

<sup>29</sup> EcoOceania, 2014, Surveys of Threatened Birds and Flying Foxes in the Santa Cruz Islands, Solomon Islands, September – October 2014

<sup>30</sup> <https://www.iucnredlist.org/species/22691047/131854908>

<sup>31</sup> EcoOceania, 2014, Surveys of Threatened Birds and Flying Foxes in the Santa Cruz Islands, Solomon Islands, September – October 2014

for males and 23.9 for females, meaning the female population has a higher median age than the male counterpart, mostly because of long life expectancies. The life expectancy at the age of 20 is 52.5 for males and 56.6 for females. The province is home to about 3.9% of the Solomon Islands population and shows an average population growth of 0.9 %<sup>32</sup>. The current average population growth is very low compared to the 2009 census, which was 17%. The negative average growth reported in the 2019 census, including a low representation of the 20–30-year-old age group, is due to continuous urban migration over the years to larger urban centers for employment, education, and other opportunities. The province also has a high youth population (15-34 years) of 6913 compared to the population aged 30-59 years with 2230.

#### 4.5.3 Education and Health

Education is not compulsory in the Solomon Islands. According to the 2019 census, 87.1% of the population in the Temotu Province aged 5-15 were enrolled in school, of which 86.2% are male and 88.1% are female. The Percentage of the population aged 12 and older that had no schooling completed is 19.0%. Primary education was completed (51.8%), secondary education was completed (21.8%), tertiary education was completed (4.3%), and those with vocational/professional qualifications only comprised 0.6%.<sup>33</sup> It was revealed that 35.5% of the population 5 years above attended school in full-time mode, 48.7% had already left school, and 15.8% had never been in school. Within respective genders, there were slightly more males (36.1%) than females (32.5%) who attended full-time school, while there were more females (20.7%) than males (10%) who did not attend school. To add on, 51.8% have not completed their education, 21.8% completed primary education.

The Ministry of Health and Medical Services is the key health provider in the Solomon Islands. Health services are concentrated in urban centers with a hierarchy of facilities available ranging from nurse aide posts and rural clinics to the National Referral Hospital. Of the nine provinces in the Solomon Islands, eight, including Temotu Province, have a public hospital. SI has approximately 22 doctors per 100,000 of the population but also has a strong base of nurses and midwives at 205 per 100,000. The SI does not have specific data on causes of death but has identified communicable diseases, including malaria and tuberculosis, as important issues. The increasing prevalence of obesity due to lifestyle, diabetes, hypertension, and tobacco and alcohol use has increased the rate of non-communicable diseases, which will soon overtake communicable diseases as the leading burden of disease.<sup>34</sup>

#### 4.5.4 Livelihoods and Economic Activity

Solomon Islands' capita GDP of USD\$600 ranks it as a less developed nation. More than 75% of its labor force is engaged in agriculture and fishing. Most manufactured goods and petroleum products must be imported. Until 1998, when world prices for tropical timber fell steeply, timber was Solomon Islands' main export product. In recent years, Solomon Islands forests have been dangerously overexploited. Other important cash crops and exports include copra and palm oil.

The 2019 census documented that 33.9% of the population in Temotu are employed in the key industries, which include agriculture, fisheries, forestry, industry, and services. 48.4 % of the male and 51.6% of the female population are employed in the agriculture, forestry, and fisheries sectors whereas 97.1% of males and 2.9% of females have joined the labor force in the industrial sector, and 58.3% of males and 41.7% of female are employed in the services sector<sup>35</sup>.

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<sup>32</sup> SIG National Census Report 2019

<sup>34</sup> <https://www.pacificmedicals.org/single-post/2017/01/23/Healthcare-Overview-Solomon-Islands>

<sup>35</sup> SIG National Census Report 2019

Households in Temotu were also engaged in agricultural, fishery, and livestock-related activities. About 26.7% of households were involved in growing crops for subsistence only, whereas 67.8% of the households grew crops for both subsistence uses and for sale. Households raising livestock (cows, pigs, goats, horses, including poultry) account for 6.0%. Many households in Temotu are involved in fishing activities and gathering of invertebrates, and this accounts for 78.4% of households.

Families in Temotu Province also receive remittances from immediate family members, which comprises 20.3% of the households.

#### 4.5.5 Community Infrastructure and Services

##### 4.5.5.1 Waste Management

In terms of waste management in Temotu Province, the 2019 census reported that 33.7% of households burnt their waste, while 24.4% are still using their backyards for waste disposal.

There is no permitted landfill or dumping site at Lata. The households usually dump rubbish at two sites. One is at the northern, eastern end of the runway, and the other is at the back of the market area at Lata station. Solid waste produced by households include:

- General waste (i.e. office type waste, household waste (from any workers camps), lightweight packaging materials).
- Recyclable waste (i.e., certain plastics, metals, rubber, etc., that can be recycled).
- Organic biodegradable waste (i.e., waste that will decay/break down in a reasonable amount of time, such as green waste or food waste).
- Inorganic non-recyclable waste (i.e. waste that cannot decompose/break down and which cannot be recycled).

Only 8.6% of the population in Temotu Province has improved sanitation facilities, which are mainly located in Lata. Therefore, regarding sewage in Lata, residential and commercial properties that have flush or pour-water toilets are connected to septic tanks.

##### 4.5.5.2 Water Resources

Water resources in the Solomon Islands range from sizable rivers to small streams from high mountainous and dense rainforests to rainwater harvesting and a freshwater lens of an underground aquifer on the small low-lying atolls and islets<sup>36</sup>.

Drinking and household use in rural villages and urban centers account for the largest water withdrawals in the country. There is limited agricultural water demand because most crops are rainfed.

On the larger islands, surface water in the form of streams, springs, or rivers is the main drinking water source. Some communities on the higher volcanic islands also use groundwater for domestic purposes. The provincial government operates a water system on Nendo Island, which is run down, no longer operational, and in need of repair, according to the SIWA 30-Year Strategy Plan. Most households depend mainly on rainwater and wells as sources of water.

Since there is no water supply at Lata, the contractor will consider options of rainwater harvesting, fetching water from Nembo (approx. 6km from Lata), or drilling a borehole to ensure a reliable water supply for the project work and operation of the contractor's camp. The contractor will determine this and deliberate it in the CESMP.

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<sup>36</sup> IWCM diagnostic report

Six water wells are used by the local communities within the airport land. At the proposed quarry site, not within SIG land, there are no water resources such as wells, streams, or springs within the site's proximity.

#### 4.6 Projected Climate Change and Impacts

This section is informed by the Pacific-Australia Climate Change Science and Adaptation Planning Program (PACCSAPP) country report for the Solomon Islands.

There have been increases in the number of warm nights and decreases in the number of cool nights. These temperature increases are consistent with the pattern of global warming. For all carbon emission scenarios, temperature is projected to increase in the SI in the future. By 2030, it is projected that the temperature will increase by 0.4oC to 1.0oC, depending on the emission scenario.

There are no clear trends in rainfall over the Solomon Islands since the mid-1950s. Over this period, there has been substantial variation in rainfall from year to year. Average annual and seasonal rainfall is projected to increase over the 21st century. However, there is some uncertainty in the rainfall projections, and not all models show consistent results. Wet and dry years will still occur in response to natural variability, and drought frequency is expected to decrease slightly by the end of the century. Projections show extreme rainfall days are likely to occur more often and be more intense.

Projections for the Solomon Islands region tend to show a decrease in the frequency of tropical cyclones by the late 21st century but a likely increase in their intensity.

Satellite data indicate that the sea level has risen near the SI by about 8mm per year since 1993. This is larger than the global average of 2.8-3.6mm per year. Sea level is expected to continue to rise and by 2030 is projected to rise between 8-18cm under all emission scenarios (**Error! Reference source not found.**), Values represent 90% of the range of the model results and are relative to the period 1986-2005. This sea level rise, combined with natural year-to-year changes, will increase the impact of storm surges and coastal flooding (Figure 31).

**Table 7: Sea-level rise projections for the Solomon Islands**

	2030 (cm)	2050 (cm)	2070 (cm)	2090 (cm)
Very low emissions scenario	8-18	14-31	19-45	24-60
Low emissions scenario	7-17	14-31	21-48	29-67
Medium emissions scenario	7-17	14-30	21-47	30-69
Very high emissions scenario	8-18	16-35	28-58	40-89

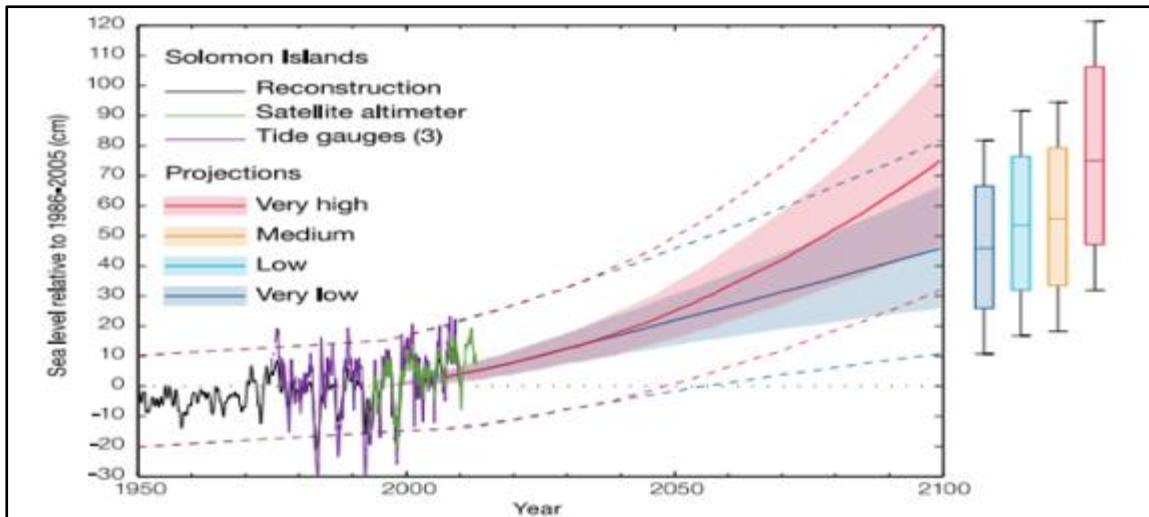


Figure 31: Observed and projected relative sea-level change near the Solomon Islands

The projected design life of the proposed works for the Santa Cruz airport is 50 years and climate predictions for 2050 are applicable for SIRAP2 and are therefore considered in the design.

## 5 CONSULTATION AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

The SIRAP2 Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) will be implemented for the Santa Cruz airfield upgrade works. Stakeholder engagement will be ongoing for the duration of the project.

Throughout the implementation of these works, ongoing and meaningful stakeholder engagement will be critical to the review of detailed designs, the selection of mitigation options for identified social and environmental impacts, and the prioritization of investments for funding and implementation schedules. It is important that the affected communities – including women and vulnerable groups – are given the opportunity through consultations to be made aware of the proposed activities and to comment and contribute to the project design. SIRAP2 PST will be responsible for ensuring meaningful consultations are carried out for all components of SIRAP2 throughout the life of the project.

### 5.1 Initial Consultations

Initial consultations with Santa Cruz stakeholders were conducted in January 2021. The meetings were to conduct the initial consultation for the proposed airport works.

The initial consultation team consists of the MCA Director of Aviation and SIRAP2 PST National Safeguards. Communities must be pre-informed on the proposed activities that will be undertaken and see if there are potential key impacts on the environment and the local communities and people of such a development.

During this initial consultation, key stakeholders that attended were key representatives from:

- Temotu Provincial Government
- Provincial Lands Officer
- Ministry of Health and Medical Services (MHMS)
- Business Owners
- Police
- Community members and church Leaders

The attendance list for the consultations is included in Appendix B.

Also, during the initial consultations, two communities were consulted: Area 4 and Luova. Area 4 consists of settlers from Tikopia, a Polynesian community that accesses the southwestern end of the runway. They have been identified as one of the sensitive communities that need to be consulted in the initial consultation. The second community consultation was held at Luova. These people were settlers from Pileni and Nupani Islands outside of Santa Cruz Island. Luova is less than a kilometer from the eastern end of the runway.

#### **Area 4 – Tikopia Community**

The Area 4 community originated from Tikopia, one of the most remote islands in the World. Located east of the vast stretch of ocean between the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu, it is part of neither of those Melanesian cultures. This island's heritage is Polynesian, grouped with the Santa Cruz Islands. Administratively, Tikopia belongs to Temotu Province.

#### **Luova Community**

Luova community originated from Pileni Island. Pileni is a small, inhabited island approximately 200m wide and 500m long in the Vaiakau Ward to the north of the Reef Islands, Temotu Province. They are of Polynesian descent within a predominantly Melanesian country. The island is situated three hours by OBM from the Provincial Capital, Lata, and has approximately 300 people. The 'reef outlier' islands are the worst affected by storm surges and sea level rise. Like Tikopia, they are most susceptible to cyclones in the province. Thus, they have been given the site for them to settle on Santa Cruz Island



Figure 32: Communities have been consulted in January 2021

## 5.2 Key Outcomes of Initial Consultations

### 5.2.1 Consultation Outcomes

The key findings during the initial consultation with the communities and Provincial Government for the proposed runway pavement include the following:

#### 5.2.1.1 Temotu Provincial Government Meeting

A courtesy and initial meeting was held on 11th January 2021 with the Honourable Premier, executive member, and the Deputy Provincial Secretary. The Provincial Secretary expressed his apologies that he would not be able to attend the meeting. The Honourable Premier and his Deputy attended the meeting. The Hon. Premier welcomed the team and really appreciated the first meeting for the year 2021. The outcome of the meetings.

- The Hon. Premier appreciates the team's first initial meeting with the Provincial Executive. He also mentioned that the request had been raised some years back, and the project came as a New Year gift to the province. This is very important to the people of Temotu Province since they are remote and the boats servicing their province are not frequent. Thus, having the runway paved for all-weather usage will increase the frequency of flights to Lata.
- The Hon. Premier added that the project is in line with the proposed terminal building. The design of the terminal building will be submitted to MCA so that it will accommodate the proposed and align with the required heights and functions that a terminal should have.
- The province is committed to dealing with the land issues. If there are issues with land, the province can deal with the rightful owners and request the MCA and the project to allow the province to deal with the land issues accordingly.
- The provincial government also requested a perimeter road since a school and communities live along the runway. This will aid access to these areas so that the community members and the school can use the perimeter road rather than the runway pavement.
- The Deputy Premier also suggested that the road access at both ends be included in the design and the perimeter road be taken on board so that people will only use the perimeter road rather than the runway.

- The Acting PS and Hon Premier also reiterated that the improvement of the runway to all weather has been a long outstanding request for the province to the government and has come as an early gift in 2021 to the province, and now it will be under SIRAP2. The province will be there on the ground and committed to working in close collaboration with MCA and SIRAP2 for the successful completion of the proposed upgrade of the runway.

#### 5.2.1.2 *Community Consultation and Awareness*

##### • **Area 4 and Luova Meetings**

- The road access at the end should be included in the design. The proposal for the boom gate will be the best, as it can be closed during the flight, and people can still use the access when there is no flight.
- The perimeter road should be included in the design and construction so that the communities and schools can use it rather than access the runway. This is also for safety reasons for both the plane and people residing close to the runway.
- Those families that have garden food (potatoes and cassava) along the runway will be consulted, and more communication will be held to allow the owners to harvest in time before the actual construction commences.

The people were looking forward to the upgrading works, as it will really help them. Since the upgrade of the runway will be for all-weather use, it will increase the flight frequency and the safety of the planes and people as well. The awareness and information meetings were successfully completed, and people are looking forward to the proposed upgrade. However, minor issues that will creep along will not be ruled out. However, it will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. The Hon. Premier and his MPA colleagues were pleased with the proposed upgrade of the runway. Also, give assurance that they will stay committed to see the successful completion of the project. This was one of the long-standing provincial requests to the government due to the remoteness and unreliable shipping services that the people access.

### 5.3 **Follow-up Consultations**

Follow-up consultations were conducted from 12 to 16 September 2023 during the detailed design to inform the stakeholders of the updated status of the project, confirm support, and identify any stakeholder concerns and recommendations prior to eventual project implementation. The project team consists of representatives from MCA (Airport Engineer), SIRAP2 PST (National Safeguards Specialist and Environmental and Social Officer), and the design and supervision team<sup>37</sup> engaged for the project.

#### 5.3.1 **Key Outcomes of Follow-Up Consultations**

##### 5.3.1.1 *Meeting with Provincial Government*

A courtesy call to the office of the Temotu Provincial Government was undertaken on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September 2023. During the visit, the Premier and other Provincial Members were absent due to work commitments in Honiara. The team managed to meet with the Supervising Premier and some of the provincial government representatives who were available during the visit. The team provided updates on SIRAP2's current activities as well as the proposed activities for the Santa Cruz airport upgrade.

The following were raised during the meeting:

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<sup>3737</sup> Egis in association with Azimuth Engineers.



- Supervising Premier Hon Daiwo declared that the Santa Cruz Airport is on government land. The CoL is the title holder. The land acquisition started in 1969 and was completed in 1970. It was acquired during the British Administration. All compensations were paid to rightful landowners (10 vendors who received payment for land and crops on the land). The land was properly acquired.
- People have waited a long for the airport upgrade, and some have doubts too; therefore, looking forward to the smooth implementation of the project
- Settlers at Area 4 use the seaside for relief, and removing the trees will leave the area exposed and without privacy.
- People who are using the sea or nearby bushes as a place to relieve themselves will now be encouraged to start building their toilet facilities.
- Honourable Member for Lata should have a plan to build toilet facilities for those residing in Area 4.
- The southwestern end of the runway is also used as boat anchorage.
- Importance of fencing the airport perimeter and if it is also part of this project,
- Protection of ends of the runway,
- Is there any possibility for the access road to run parallel with the airport perimeter fencing to allow for access as access to and from the other side of the runway?
- teak plantation (3 or 4 lines of trees) within the MCA- government land boundary. Michael Lano owns the teak plantation.
- The team should be aware that some landowners also want to claim goodwill payments for vendors' siblings.
- There is a graveyard, but it is outside of the MCA land
- The project is very important for the province in terms of trade and tourism and for linking with the Vanuatu province of Torba.



Figure 33: Courtesy meeting with TPG

### 5.3.1.2 Community Consultations and Awareness

Community Consultations and awareness were conducted in the following communities:

- Area 4 -13/09/2023
- Louva –13/9/2023
- Lata Market –14/09/2023
- Landing (Memua’s Place) – 14/09/2023
- Nela- 15/9/23

The Provincial Representatives accompanied the team to each of the communities. They actively participated in the consultation, clearing issues relating to the land ownership and any issues of provincial concern relating to the project. Below are some of the issues and concerns raised during the consultation at various communities:

- **Area 4**
  - Further clarification about the extension and extent of construction works
  - Concern on survey (2010) for fencing and installation of pegs/flags to the width of the runway, and not sure if this is marking out the original boundary or extension to the width as will encroach into their land.
  - The provincial rep reminded those individuals who have planted teak and mahogany within the runway boundary that they are planting on government land.
  - alternate routes for people to use when the airport is constructed.
  - Compensation of individual food gardens at the southwestern end of the runway
  - Compensation of houses constructed at MCA land.
  - Current airport drainage system
  - timeframe for the project implementation



Figure 34: Meeting at Area 4

- **Luova**
  - Why terminal was not included in the design
  - Concern about the extent of the airport upgrade, especially for those residing close by
  - Can the landowners be compensated for the MCA land?
  - No one (landowners) to make any more unnecessary claims but to let the project be implemented.
  - issue regarding land ownership and confirming to the people that the land is registered land and CoL is the title holder, so whoever has any issues with this MCA land will have to challenge it through the courts with CoL



Figure 35: Meeting at Luova

- **Lata Market**
  - Runway extension on the southwestern end may require vegetation – towards Nela Point
  - if additional land is needed, a project should consult with land-owning groups.
  - Road access through the airport
  - Airport perimeter fencing



Figure 36: Meeting at Lata Station Market

- **Landing (Memua's Place)**
  - Airport perimeter fencing
  - Lata Terminal Upgrade
  - The design of seawall needs to take into account climatic events
  - Compensation of crops



Figure 37: Meeting at Landing

- **Nela**
  - Would like to know who the Construction Contractor is and if tender has already been awarded
  - Airport width expansion
  - Access road and disruption to mobility
  - Provincial Government contribution to the project
  - Why Nela was not included in initial consultation
  - Vegetation clearances on approach landing on southwestern end
  - A locally managed marine area is at the vicinity of the Nela Point.
  - Source of construction materials
  - Lata terminal upgrade and fencing of airport perimeter
  - Project implementation to completion timeframe
  - Proper drainage systems to be constructed during the upgrade
  - Why the full length of current runway not fully utilised
  - Local resources to be purchased with fair price



Figure 38: Meeting at Nela Village

## 6 POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACTS

The SIRAP PST has carried out initial environmental and social screening, which has informed the preliminary identification of impacts based on the extent of works described in Section 2. As more detailed design information becomes available and the design engineer team undertakes more extensive site visits, these impacts will be revisited and updated where necessary.

### 6.1 Labour and Working Conditions

A Labour Management Procedure (LMP) has been prepared for SIRAP2. It identifies the risks to the workforce and includes terms and conditions of employment, nondiscrimination, and equal opportunity (which includes a safe work environment free from violence and sexual harassment), workers' organizations, restrictions on child and forced labor, and OHS in design, construction, and operational phases.

The SI Labor Act states that the minimum age of workers is 12, but for this project under the WB ESF (ESS 2), the minimum age is 14. Therefore, for workers between the ages of 14 and 18, the employer would be required to assess risk and conduct regular monitoring to ensure that no one under the age of 18- is employed in hazardous labor or in labor that interferes with the child's education or be harmful to the child's health or physical, mental, spiritual, moral, or social development.

#### 6.1.1 Occupational Health and Safety

The primary hazards identified are:

- i) working in live traffic areas.
- ii) construction works involving heavy machinery and hot bituminous products (between 120 and 190 °C).
- iii) working in extreme ambient temperatures; and
- iv) excavation, quarrying operations including crushing, concrete works, working near water, tree felling, and other works.

During past consultations for SIRAP and SIRAP2 works across the SI, communities have raised concerns regarding the spread of sexually transmitted diseases (particularly HIV) with incoming contractors and workers related to the project. A few mitigation measures have been identified, including awareness training for foreign workers and employing local laborers.

Zero (0) consultations on Occupational Health and Safety were conducted for Santa Cruz. This will be conducted once the contractor is awarded and mobilized to the site. It will be one of the key activities to be done by the contractor and Supervised by Egis (Supervision Consultant). This will be done with all the workers engaged in the Santa Cruz runway sealing and seawall construction works.

Poor infection control and management practices could lead to an outbreak of COVID-19 within the workforce, which could also spread to the community.

## 6.2 Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention

### 6.2.1 Solid Waste Generation

Runway sealing and seawall construction will generate excess soil and bitumen waste. Other project activities will generate other types of solid waste, such as general waste, non-recyclable inorganic waste, organic biodegradable waste, and construction waste. Impacts associated with solid waste can arise from on-site waste storage, transportation, and off-site disposal.

Impacts associated with the storage and disposal of organic biodegradable waste include leachate from decomposing materials contaminating the surrounding soils and aquifers.

Transportation of solid waste in trucks without the correct equipment, such as coverings or functioning tailgates, can lead to waste spills on the haulage route. Spilled waste is a safety hazard to vehicle and pedestrian traffic and environmental pollutants.

### 6.2.2 Water Resources

Freshwater will be required for workers and some construction activities. The impact on the current Lata water supply and infrastructure could be significant if not properly controlled through good resource planning. The source of water supply for the works has yet to be confirmed, and it is unknown if the project will be able to utilize any alternative sources of water as the existing provincial government supply is no longer operational and in a state of disrepair. The contractor will be responsible for securing alternative water resources, such as borehole water or fresh water from the spring at Nembo and filling up the onsite water storage tanks. The alternative water resources should be in abundant supply to continuously provide water throughout the duration of the construction. The contractor and other site personnel to ensure there is water efficiency, conservation, and re-use of water since the Lata water shortage

The freshwater spring that feeds the island's reservoirs is located at Nembo, so construction impacts on this spring's water quality would be insignificant.

Around the runway, there are a few hand-dug wells that the communities use. Samples were collected on 19Sept23 for analysis. However, results were not available during this update. The results will be used as a baseline and shared with the contractor for monitoring purposes.

### 6.2.3 Hazardous Substances and Materials

The use and storage of hazardous substances during construction can impact physical soil and water resources if they accidentally spill or leak into the environment and if hazardous materials are not properly disposed of. Several project activities could generate soil and/or water pollution from hazardous substances or materials.

Bitumen, fuel, and lubricants will be needed during construction activities. If not properly stored or handled, these could result in runoff into the local soil or apron drainage systems, which feed directly into the neighboring wells' coastal environment.

Wastewater and slurry from concrete production (potentially for curbs, signage footings, safety barriers, etc.) will have a high pH level, making it alkaline and containing chromium. Highly alkaline water can result in the death of marine organisms should it enter the marine environment. There are also impacts associated with concrete wastewater leaching into the ground water and causing contamination. Very limited amounts of concrete may be needed; therefore, this impact is minor.

Should an emergency occur, hazardous substances may be discharged into the environment or fire retardants may be used during firefighting.

### 6.2.4 Erosion and Sediment Control

Sediment has the potential to be generated during any vegetation clearance and excavations. As the runway is bookended by the coastline and given that there will be reclamation and construction works on the tidal plain (at the southwestern end), it is expected that there will be some short-term sedimentation in the nearshore environment at that end, although this is expected to be a minor impact due to a combination of the tidal nature of the work site, the assessed low level of live coral cover, the distance from the project site to the high-value seagrass habitat and the mitigation measures stipulated in this ESMP.

It is anticipated that some small shrubs and vegetation will be removed on the airfield and at the proposed quarry sites. These sites will be at least 150m from any waterbody or shoreline. The impacts on vegetative cover will be short-term and reversible through natural regeneration. There is only a thin topsoil layer in most areas, and runoff easily percolates into the underlying groundwater table. Where topsoil is required to be cleared, it will be set aside for use in the restoration of disturbed areas.

#### 6.2.5 Dust and Air Pollution

Air pollution is likely to arise from improper equipment maintenance, dust generation along the road, at the quarries, and at the crushing plant, and the bitumen smoke/fumes arising from the application of the new road surface. Impacts are expected to be most felt at households close to the proposed quarry site and could cause a minor nuisance along any haulage routes within Lata.

Once the work is completed, most of the impacts will end; however, a more reliable runway may lead to increased aircraft movements.

#### 6.2.6 Noise and Vibration

Noise and vibration disturbances are particularly likely during construction related to the transportation of construction materials and the operation of quarry machinery (crashers and excavators). These impacts will be short-term and affect different people at different times.

Noise and vibration are likely to be ongoing issues throughout the construction stage and, to a lesser degree, the operational phase. As the airport represents existing infrastructure, any noise or vibration impacts are likely already experienced by the local community, although they may be slightly increased due to the decreased downtime of the runway. Effective communication regarding working hours will alleviate any impact during the construction phase.

#### 6.2.7 Wastewater Discharges

Uncontrolled wastewater (e.g., sewage, grey water, stormwater, wash water, water containing fire retardants used during emergency activities) discharges have the potential to contaminate soil and water and spread disease. Impacts may include sedimentation and an increase in nutrients impacting water quality and aquatic life in the adjacent lagoon and coral reef habitats, as well as contamination due to an accidental release of hazardous substances, refuse, or other waste materials into the marine ecosystem. Wash water from equipment can be contaminated with hydrocarbons (e.g., oil and fuel), which have a detrimental effect on aquatic life, water quality, and soil quality. There are also human health impacts regarding hydrocarbon exposure, which vary in severity depending on the type and length of exposure.

The significance of the impacts depends on the scale of the release, duration of earthworks, local worksite topography, soil type, rainfall levels, adequacy of sewage treatment facilities, and the sensitivity of receiving water environment. As the marine environment bookends the runway, any release could be significant. It is vital to plan and carefully manage works adjacent to the marine environment. Furthermore, consideration should be given to work completed during the wet season (October to March). While the potential impacts of uncontrolled discharges of wastewater can adversely affect the receiving environment, they can be easily mitigated through planning and implementation of mitigation measures (as outlined throughout Section 7).

As the runway is sealed, there will be an additional stormwater burden felt by the receiving environments from the runway drainage. This has the potential to lead to fuel, oil, and other debris-laden stormwater entering the marine environment from the runway during the operational years of the airport. The current drainage design has the majority of surface water draining into swale drains,

which will serve as a natural settling basin that slowly filters hydrocarbons (from surface flows over AC) as it sinks into the ground or prior to discharging in another direction without directly exiting in the southwestern coastal environment (Figure 39). A smaller surface area of stormwater will drain directly into the northern coastal environment; however, buffers or filter strips are grassed surfaces aligned perpendicular to the direction of flow, which are used to filter particulate matter and associated pollutants from stormwater prior to discharging, minimize the risk of environmental harm.



Figure 39: Drainage concept design showing much of the runway drainage discharge into the SW coastal environment

#### 6.2.8 Local Quarry and Aggregate Supply

For any locally sourced aggregates, potential adverse impacts from uncontrolled quarrying or mining are high and include all the below-listed impacts, namely:

- Air emissions – machinery and dust.
- Traffic and local access
- Noise and vibration – machinery and blasting (if used).
- Water – consumption, hydrology (changes to site drainage patterns and groundwater), wastewater, and contamination.
- Waste – overburden, by-products, and contaminated waste material.
- Land conversion and clearance – loss of habitat and agricultural land.
- Dust is a major issue at quarry sites, can travel some distances, and affects many people if not properly managed.
- Health and Safety of quarry workers

For the proposed works, the reclamation fill volume required is 35000m<sup>3</sup>, and the base course volume required is 10,000m<sup>3</sup>. It is expected that all base course materials will be sourced from the proposed quarry site immediately adjacent to the runway, within the SIG leased lands, which was estimated to contain about 20,000m<sup>3</sup>, and at about 4 km southwest of the runway, estimated to contain about 24,000m<sup>3</sup>. It is not confirmed whether any aggregate will be sourced from Honiara, as there is potential to extend the borrowing adjacent to the adjacent customary land. The contractor will



confirm this, and it will be discussed in detail in the CESMP. However, if the expansion of the borrow is not possible, the material shall be sourced from borrows in Honiara.

Quarrying impacts are not limited to the quarry's location but can extend along the delivery route. Noise, dust, and traffic (vehicle and pedestrian) safety are primary concerns for transporting materials from the quarry site.

### 6.3 Community Health and Safety

#### 6.3.1 Road Safety and Traffic Impacts

Construction works will result in higher traffic volume around sensitive social receptors and the Lata community.

Waste spillage from Project vehicles or construction works onto the roads will result in pollution and obstructions to vehicular traffic. The transport of raw materials will introduce a few heavy trucks on the access road, which could increase the risk of motor accidents and result in vehicular-pedestrian conflicts.

If imported aggregates are landed at any of the Ports in Lata, the impacts on the roads through the town could be significant in the short term, including dust generation, pedestrian and vehicle safety, and road damage.

As most construction activities (with the exception of haulage) will occur on the airfield, the impact on road safety and traffic is expected to be minor and avoided with standard traffic management measures.

#### 6.3.2 Hazardous Substances and Materials

The community is at risk of exposure to hazardous materials and substances that might be released from construction activities, such as air pollution due to dust, vehicle exhaust, and waste burning at the project sites.

Pollution prevention and management of these risks to communities will be managed under the requirements of the impacts identified above under 6.2 Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention and as stipulated in Section 7 of this ESMP.

#### 6.3.3 Influx of Workers

Project activities, equipment, and infrastructure can increase community exposure to risks and impacts. In addition to the impacts already identified throughout this section, the impacts of an imported workforce must be considered.

A workers' camp and laydown area shall be established for the works. Workers recruited will be from both overseas and from other islands in the SI, including Lata and surrounding areas. It is also likely that there will be an influx of people from other islands in Temotu traveling to Lata in search of employment opportunities during the construction phase of this project. Potential employment skillsets will range from project managers, engineers, technicians, electricians, surveyors, general tradespeople, machinery operators, and general laborers. The project will encourage employment opportunities for local communities and the involvement of women.

Therefore, the Contractor must be aware of the potential impacts that this influx of outside labor can have on the local community and manage these impacts and interactions appropriately, including adherence to the GBV, CAE, and HV codes of conduct outlined in Appendix D.

In terms of their vulnerability to external influences, in the context of Lata, these communities can be medium-risk due to the location of the works and the influx of workers from outside Lata. Continuous

consultations and sharing information with the communities shall be undertaken. Section 7.2.3 provides for mitigation measures against these potential impacts.

#### 6.3.4 Human Trafficking

A US Department of State Report released in April 2017 has concluded that within the SI, children and young girls are regularly subjected to sex trafficking and forced labor. The report said local children were forced to do labor or commercial marriages in exchange for money or goods, particularly near foreign logging camps, on foreign and local fishing vessels, and at hotels and entertainment establishments. In a survey conducted by the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative, 77% of survey respondents indicated that they knew personally of at least one case of trafficking (forced labor, forced marriage (for money), forced commercial sex, or a child who has been paid for sex). Forced commercial marriage and forced commercial sex were the most common forms of trafficking identified.

The proposed Lata works would involve the expatriate workforce using local lodgings as the main risk area. The risk posed during the construction phase is anticipated to be low. However, once the full scope of the works is known and the likely level of overseas workers is established, this ESMP shall be updated, and the risk of trafficking should be fully assessed.

#### 6.3.5 HIV/AIDS, Gender-Based Violence, and Child Abuse and Exploitation

SIRAP 2 has a GBV Action Plan that applies to the works on Santa Cruz. The Contractor shall read the ESMP in conjunction with the action plan.

There are impacts associated with personnel recruited from outside the local community, such as increased instances of HIV/AIDS. Additionally, the Contractor accepts that gender-based violence might occur as an unintended consequence of economic development. As such, it is the contractor's responsibility to implement actions to help reduce instances of HIV/AIDS, GBV, and Child Abuse and Exploitation (CAE).

All employees (including managers) will be required to attend training prior to commencing work to reinforce the understanding of HIV/AIDS, GBV, and CAE. Subsequently, employees must attend a mandatory training course at least once a month for the duration of mobilization.

Managers will be required to attend an additional manager training course prior to commencing work on-site to ensure that they are familiar with their roles and responsibilities in ensuring the HIV/AIDS, GBV, and CAE standards are met on the project. This training will provide managers with the necessary understanding and technical support needed to begin to develop a plan for addressing HIV/AIDS, GBV, and CAE throughout the lifetime of civil work, including monitoring and reporting.

The Supervision Engineer shall provide the Contractor with a list of approved service providers, including recognized non-government organizations (NGOs) and others, for conducting GBV training. Based on the provided list, the Contractor shall agree with one service provider to undertake the GBV IEC campaign. The Contractor shall fund the campaign cost. The contractor will make staff available for a total of at least 0.5 days per month for formal training, including GBV.

#### 6.3.6 Emergency Preparedness and Response

There is a risk of natural and man-made hazards during the works (e.g., floods, fires, leaks, or spills due to failure to implement operating procedures designed to prevent their occurrence). Laying bitumen and handling hazardous substances create the potential for these risks to occur during the construction phases.

The Contractor is required to develop a response plan that will ensure that measures for restoring and cleaning up the environment following any major accident occur.

## 6.4 Biodiversity and Natural Resources

### 6.4.1 Biosecurity

Equipment and materials for the runway and other works will probably need to be imported to the SI. If imported consignments are not adequately treated and/or washed before shipping, there is the risk of introducing non-native and potentially invasive plants, animals, and diseases. The introduction of harmful species to small island nations such as the SI, which have a high level of endemic species, can be devastating to the local ecosystems, flora, and fauna. It is also possible to import diseases such as foot and mouth disease, which would have devastating impacts on local livestock.

Giant African Snails (GAS; *Achatina fulica*) are causing significant damage to food crops in Honiara and have started to spread to some of the other islands. Sourcing local aggregates from quarry or extraction sites on Honiara, which are already infested with this invasive species, risks spreading the problem to other parts of Honiara and to sites on Nendo Island.

### 6.4.2 Coastal and Marine Impacts

Construction work will take place in the coastal marine environment at both ends of the runway. Works will take the form of small-scale reclamation on the tidal flat, construction of a geo bags seawall at the southwestern runway end, and construction of a geo bags seawall along the back of the beach at the northern end (see Figure 2, pg. 15, and Figure 3, pg. 16).

A quantitative marine survey was undertaken for the direct and indirect impact area at both runway ends, and the results are reported in Section 4.4.1.

The findings of the marine survey identify the following potential impacts<sup>38</sup>:

- Siltation to coral reef system about 100m further towards seaward from the construction zone at both ends of the airport. There might be an inflow of siltation that will cause high turbidity, which will smother the corals present. Any sediment on corals is expected to be short-term and minor due to the current driven water movement that will gradually wash the sediments out of the coral reef systems at both ends.
- There is a potential for active erosion that will cause “end effects” due to the seawall towards the leeward end of the Southern end beach. Thus, it might cause coastal erosion and loss of land, and risks to the houses along that coast. On the Northeast end, it would not be impacted by seawall “side effects” due to the rocky and stony coastal area. Based on the detailed design, the effect will be minimal to none due to the configuration of the wall to the shoreline, and this can only occur in extreme events.
- A small proportion of the seagrass (*Thalassia hemprichii*) meadow Zone in the inter-tidal area of the Southwest end will be permanently removed. The marine survey concluded that the tidal seagrass meadow is of low biological value as a habitat for commercial or essential species. Consequently, the impacts on the seagrass meadow during the construction phase, whilst permanent, will be minor. The seagrass meadow areas of higher biological habitat value are outside the project reclamation footprint. They will not be removed but may be subject to impact from suspended sediments during construction. It is expected that if the marine works are undertaken in compliance with the ESMP, it will not generate a significant impact.

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<sup>38</sup> Natural Solomons Consultant (2021) Marine Survey and Assessment Report for Santa Cruz Airport Upgrade Project, Temotu Province.

- There is a possibility of sediments flowing towards the Malo Island coral reef area and reefs along the Lata station and the village reef flat on the southwestern end, including the locally managed marine area, which is situated about 600m southwest of the airport due to changing high energy wave and current movement. However, the impact is unlikely and minor as sediments will be mobile and dispersed by the water movement.
- There could be a potential spillage of oil, toxic liquids, and substances into the seawater system during reclamation and seawall construction activities. Thus, it could have a detrimental impact on the marine system if it were a significant spill.

In addition to the construction phase impacts identified during the survey and recent site visit, there is the potential for long-term impacts on the southwestern marine environment from the direct discharge of stormwater from the runway drainage system. There will not be any direct discharge of stormwater from the runway drainage to the southwestern marine environment as the current drainage design has the majority of surface water draining into swale drains without directly exiting the southwestern coastal environment. A smaller surface area of stormwater will drain directly into the northern coastal environment; however, buffers or filter strips are grassed surfaces aligned perpendicular to the direction of flow, which are used to filter particulate matter and associated pollutants from stormwater prior to discharging, minimizing the risk of environmental harm.

With the effective implementation of the measures stipulated in this ESMP, the construction impacts of the works on the marine environment beyond the reclamation and seawall footprint can be avoided. It will be critical for the Supervision Engineer and Contractor to ensure they are adequately resourced with national and international safeguard specialists to monitor safeguard compliance.

#### 6.4.3 Key Biodiversity Area

The project site is within IBA and AZE; however, the project footprint is mainly within the current working airfield and the Quarry C site which is 4 kilometers inland. The airfield is within the government-leased land and the Quarry C site is within the customary land. The land surrounding the airfield has been altered from its natural state through urbanization or agricultural activities.

For Quarry site C, the vegetations are mostly secondary forest as the site has been used for grazing cattle in the past as noted from the community consultation. The plant species observed in the area include Parasol Leaf Tree (*Macaranga peltata*), Sea Hibiscus (*Hibiscus tiliaceus*), Taun tree (*Pometia pinnata*), Kamau (*Ficus copiosa*) and River Taramind (*Leucaena leucocephala*). As noted, these species are commonly found in most islands in the province and other parts of the country.

As the Temotu Flying Fox is commonly found in trees within all habitat types on the island, it is not expected that the project works will significantly impact this species in terms of habitat loss. It is unlikely to have a detrimental impact on the individual bat species as the vegetations adjacent to the airport and quarry site were previously disturbed areas.

The range and status of the Santa Cruz Shrikebill are unknown; however, their preferred habitat of subtropical or tropical moist lowland forest is not found within the project site. Therefore, the project is not expected to impact this species.

Before any vegetation clearance, a pre-clearance survey will be undertaken to confirm potential impacts on the habitats of the specified bird species and avoid or minimize impacts. During construction, clearance or felling of trees not within the area of work will not be permitted.

Given the limited nature of the works, the semi-urban nature of the land, and the ability to manage impacts through regular mitigation measures contained in this ESMP, the impacts to the Key Biodiversity Area are minor, and no specific Biodiversity Management Plan is required.

## 7 ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

This section contains the detailed mitigation measures required for the various phases of the improvement works, to the extent that they are described in Section 2 of this ESMP.

Section 7.2 includes expected processes for other safeguard management measures, referred to in the mitigation table in Section 7.1.

## 7.1 Mitigation Tables

POTENTIAL NEGATIVE IMPACT	ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL MITIGATION MEASURES	IMPLEMENTING LOCATION	ESTIMATED MITIGATION COSTS <sup>39</sup>	EXECUTING AGENCY	SUPERVISING AGENCY
<b>DETAILED DESIGN/ PRE-CONSTRUCTION MOBILISATION STAGE</b>					
Road traffic safety	<p>The bid documents will require a Traffic Management Plan (TMP) to be developed by the Contractor. For each haul route, the TMP will need to include measures to address Layout plans, Vehicle traffic, Pedestrian traffic, Commercial marine traffic, and Sensitive receptors (management near and consultation with) such as schools, residential dwellings, markets, churches, etc.); Management of increased heavy load traffic associated with transportation from the port. The TMP will also cover temporary road disruption during road construction, including temporary accessways.</p> <p>The TMP should follow the guidelines set in the Safe Traffic Controls for Road Works Field Guide (<a href="http://www.works.gov.pg/files/roads-bridges/IF003_PNGFieldGuide.pdf">www.works.gov.pg/files/roads-bridges/IF003_PNGFieldGuide.pdf</a>) and adapt to the works. The TMP will be included as an annex to the CESMP.</p> <p>The TMP shall include the name, address, and telephone number of the person responsible for the safekeeping of the work, or any change thereto shall also be notified.</p> <p>TMP shall include details of key routes, site entry and exit layout, use of signage and flag operators (including night-time safety), and personnel protective equipment to be worn by workers (e.g., high-visibility vests).</p> <p>The TMP should consider that the transport of material or equipment may likely impact normal pedestrian and vehicle traffic or pose an increased safety hazard, consideration should be given to moving these items during off-peak times. The TMP will also detail specific safety and traffic management measures required around sensitive receptors, including the transportation of materials from Quarry C to the project site. These measures should be developed in consultation with individual landowners and property managers (e.g. school principals, hospital management, and church leaders) as required.</p>	<p>All location related to work</p> <p>All haulage routes and along project affected roads</p> <p>Access road to Quarry C</p>	Minimal (requirement of bidding documents)	Contractor	SIRAP2 PST/MCA/ Supervision Engineer

<sup>39</sup> Costs are estimates only and will be calculated during the detailed engineering design.

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	<p>Mitigation measures may include restricted construction times (e.g., time of day and or scheduling for school holidays) outside schools or the hospital, reduced speeds, and the use of cones or barriers to guide traffic and pedestrians through the site.</p> <p>The contractor is required to have a speed monitoring system in place to allow all vehicles to be monitored for adherence to speed of travel and only using approved haul routes.</p>				
Runway Drainage	<p>Technical review and assessment of airfield drainage system to assess impacts on the marine environment.</p> <p>Drainage design will be reviewed to minimize the impacts of stormwater runoff on the marine environment.</p>	Airfield and surrounding environment	Minimal (part of standard design practice)	Contractor	Design Engineer
Health and Safety	<p>The Contractor shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare OHS Management Plan as part of CESMP.</li> <li>• Conduct Induction training for Contractor personnel.</li> <li>• Sign Code of Conduct (if instructed) for Contractor, Managers, and other personnel; and</li> <li>• Implement relevant pre-construction measures prescribed in the OHS Plan.</li> </ul> <p>The OHS Management Plan shall comply with all requirements of Section 7.2.2 of this ESMP and with the SIRAP2 Labour Management Procedure.</p> <p>The Contractor shall provide a monthly report to the Engineer outlining compliance, achievements, and training, including the number of lost-time incidents, the number of near-miss reports, first aid training, completed HIV/AIDS and GBV training, and OHSS training courses completed by staff.</p> <p>The OHS Plan will include COVID-19 infection prevention measures and procedures for responding to instances of infection within the workforce. These will be in line with the latest guidance from WHO and SIG regulations.</p>	All Location related to the resealing work	Minimal (requirement of bidding documents and standard construction practices).	Contractor	SIRAP2 PST



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	The contractor, Solomon Power, and Telekom will undertake utility clearances prior to work commencing, and a representative from Solomon Power will be on-site during the works.				
Approvals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update ESMP based on detailed design report and resubmit for review and approval.</li> <li>Support PST in preparing and submitting the Development Consent Application with relevant supporting documentation (EIA, ESMP, Consultation Report) to ECD, which will cover all the proposed activities for Santa Cruz Runway and Seawall Construction Works.</li> <li>Support PST to prepare an application for emission permits from ECD</li> <li>Prepare and apply to MMERE for material sources (including quarry C, gravel pits, sand sources, etc.)—quarry Development and Operations, Gravel Extraction, and Earthworks.</li> <li>Prepare and submit Contractor ESMP.</li> </ul>	All Locations	Minimal (part of standard design practices).	Design Consultants (all contracts)  Contractor	SIRAP2 PST/ MCA
Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and Violence Against Children (VAC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish a GBV and VAC Compliance Team. Refer to Appendix D for guidance.</li> <li>Prepare GBV and VAC Plans and seek Bank approval prior to project mobilization. Refer to Appendix D.</li> <li>Sign Codes of Conduct (if instructed) for Contractors, Managers, and other personnel. Refer to Appendix E for draft Codes of Conduct and</li> <li>Respond to GBV and VAC events as a matter of priority.</li> </ul>	All Locations	Minimal (requirement of bidding documents and standard construction practices).	Design Consultants (all contracts)  Contractor	SIRAP2 PST
Consultations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a consultation and communication plan which implements the Contractor responsibilities in the SRIAP 2 Stakeholder Engagement Plan</li> <li>Implement required pre-construction consultation in accordance with the approved CESMP Consultation and Communication Plan.</li> <li>Ensure affected businesses are included in the consultations</li> <li>Consultation with resource owners and affected parties</li> </ul>	All Locations	Minimal (requirement of bidding documents and standard construction practices).	Design Consultants Contractor	SIRAP2 PST
Land	Verify SIG land lease boundary for Santa Cruz Airfield.  Signed an MOU with the owners of Quarry C	Ancillary Sites	Part of the project and contract costs	Design Engineer	PST National Safeguards Specialist (NSS) and PM

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	Identify whether additional private lands are required for temporary work sites and secure access using the process outlined in Section 7.2.1.				
Laydown and Stockpile Sites	<p>Short-term rental of land for laydown or stockpile sites will follow the process in 7.2.1 and the SIRAP2 PRP.</p> <p>Sites must be located at least 300m from the nearest residences and 150m from waterways and coastal sections identified in Section 6.4.2.</p> <p>All sites must be securely fenced to prevent unauthorized access. Additional fencing may be required around specific stores (e.g. hazardous substances) to prevent access by unauthorized personnel.</p> <p>Secure, well-constructed areas within the compound must be clearly marked for solid waste collection, machinery maintenance, hazardous substance storage, and toilet facilities for workers.</p> <p>The laydown site(s) will include hardstand areas protected from wind and (where appropriate) rain, bunding (hazardous substances), and clean water diversion drains. They will also allow for complete containment, collection, and treatment of wastewater from asphalt and concrete production and machinery maintenance.</p> <p>The ground of the construction laydown area will likely be compacted by the end of its use. So restoration will require scarifying the soil, applying top soil, and re-vegetation.</p>	Ancillary Sites	Part of contract costs	Contractor	Supervision Engineer
Management of Workers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The contractor will be required to produce a Workers Management Plan (WoMP) and Influx Labour Management Plan for the airport works to describe recruitment strategy, worker accommodations, accommodation facilities, and management of off-duty workers. The Workers Management Plan will follow the requirements of this ESMP, the SIRAP2 LMP, and the International Finance Corporation (IFC) Workers Accommodation Standards and Guidelines. Workers Management Plan will be required as part of the bid submission and will be further developed and included as an Annex in the CESMP for clearance by the Supervision Engineer.</li> </ul>	Lata Town	Part of standard contract costs	Contractor	Supervision Engineer

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The WoMP will include cultural protocols (including appropriate clothing and no work on a Sunday or Saturday for LDS Church members), management and restricting of visitors to the camp, visitor curfews, expected behaviours (noise, alcohol, within community areas), gift giving and receiving, disciplinary actions, etc.)</li> <li>• SIRAP2 has a Code of Conduct and Action Plan for the Prevention of GBV, HT and SEA (Appendix E). All Project workers will be required to undertake GBV and SAE prevention training under this action plan and sign the associated Code of Conduct prior to commencement of works. The SIRAP2 PST will provide the Contractor with details of approved service providers who are able to undertake this training. From the provided list, the Contractor shall enter into an agreement with one service provider to undertake the GBV IEC campaign. The cost of the campaign shall be funded by the Contractor from the provisional sum provided in the bill-of-quantity. The contractor shall make staff available for a total of at least 0.5 days per month for formal training, including GBV.</li> <li>• All workers are required to undertake training on the prevention of HIV/AIDS in addition to the GBV related training. The SIRAP2 PST will provide the Contractor with details of approved service providers who are able to undertake this training. The cost of the campaign shall be funded by the Contractor from the provisional sum provided in the bill-of-quantity.</li> <li>• The Contractor is required to maximise the number of local workers from the Nendo communities. Preference should be given to a local recruitment process, only relying on workers from other islands or from overseas for vacancies which cannot be filled locally.</li> <li>• As part of the WoMP, the Contractor will be required to submit a list of roles along with required qualifications or experience and the planned recruitment strategy for that role (i.e. local or regional/overseas). The Contractor will be required to provide justification for any roles not filled locally. Work permits will only be granted for workers with skills unavailable in the SI. Should international workers be found to be performing jobs that can be done by locals (e.g. driving vehicles), the Supervision Engineer will notify the contractor and the SIG who will</li> </ul>				

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	<p>cancel the work permits. The contractor will be required to return them home within 48h of notification by the Supervision Engineer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For recruitment of SI nationals that cannot be fulfilled by the local community, it is preferred that it be undertaken through a formal recruitment process, which ensures that only people who are already employed travel to the project site. Ad hoc employment of casual labor is not permitted.</li> <li>• Any project staff who are recruited from overseas are subject to visa approval. As part of the visa application process, all workers are required to submit a medical report, an element of which is an HIV test. All overseas workers must complete this test and submit their medical report to the immigration department before appropriate visas can be issued. As part of the visa application process, all overseas workers will also be required to provide a police background check from their home country. It is also a contractual requirement for all overseas SIRAP2 project works to provide SIRAP2 PST with police background clearances prior to arrival in the country, regardless of the visa application process.</li> <li>• In addition to the Codes of Conduct for GBV/Human Trafficking/SAE, the Contractor will also prepare a Code of Conduct to describe the expected behaviours of their project worker in relation to the local communities and their social sensitivities.</li> <li>• The Contractor will provide workers with a grievance redress mechanism as per the requirements in the LMP</li> </ul>				
Soil erosion	<p>The Contractor shall prepare and submit an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (ESCP) for approval before the commencement of construction works.</p> <p>It will be the Contractors' responsibility to maintain an effective working order for all erosion and sediment controls, including reconfiguring drainage lines as required during the construction process to ensure dirty water is always directed into sediment controls. Reusing the water collected in sediment ponds or basins for dust suppression and roadworks is preferred over releasing it into the environment. Where water is stored for dust suppression, the required design capacity of the basins shall be available.</p>	All project locations	Minimal (part of standard design practices)	Design Consultants  Contractor	SIRAP2 PST

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	<p>Sediment basins and other sediment controls should be operated and maintained in a manner that minimizes the risk of environmental harm. The design capacity of the upper settling volume shall be made available within 120 hours of the most recent rainfall event, which causes runoff. The sediment storage zone shall always be maintained with the accumulated sediment removed in a manner that does not allow the sediment to be conveyed into a watercourse or offsite. Where coagulants or flocculants are used to treat stormwater, they must not cause harm to the receiving waters or environment.</p> <p>Excavations should be kept to a manageable size to reduce the time of exposure. Any stockpiles will need to be on an impermeable geotextile or hardstand, and runoff should be directed to permeable land. Stockpiles of any fine-grain materials (e.g., sand and top-soil) must be covered to prevent dust and sediment-laden runoff during rain events.</p> <p>Discharges from any activity at this location are prohibited from being discharged directly to the marine and coastal environment, with particular attention to the sections identified in Section 6.4.2. Clean runoff should be diverted inland for percolation to underlying groundwater, and potentially contaminated runoff should be collected and treated. Treatment will be dependent on the type of potential contamination (e.g., oil water separator for runoff contaminated with hydrocarbons or settling pond or tank for sediment-laden runoff).</p> <p>The work shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Minimize erosion and design erosion protection measures according to international good practice standards, including incorporation of effective drainage systems (soakage pits) and consideration of surface flow paths.</li> <li>▪ Wherever feasible, schedule excavation works for the dry season months (May to October).</li> <li>▪ Develop a Contingency Plan for works to allow for anticipated construction start date during the wet season.</li> <li>▪ Contingency Plan must detail soil erosion prevention measures in the event of a storm or heavy rain event.</li> </ul>				

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Dust /Odor Air Pollution	<p>Dust/Odor/Air pollution may occur through the transportation of raw materials during the pre-construction phase. These can be minimized through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify and locate waste disposal sites, stockpile sites, and equipment (e.g., asphalt/concrete plant) at least 300 m away from residential settlements and 150m from water bodies, streams, or rivers to minimize impacts on the environment and nearby population.</li> <li>• In the asphalt/concrete plant, dust and odors can be minimized by using water sprinklers in the crushing plant.</li> <li>• Minimize dust from open area sources, including stockpiles, by using control measures such as enclosures of covers and increasing moisture content.</li> <li>• The CESMP should include a provision for quarry dust control; all equipment, including crushers, aggregate processors, generators, etc., should / if possible, be in the quarry pit to minimize dust emissions.</li> <li>• Ensure all equipment is serviced and issued with a fitness warrant (as required). Any machinery deemed to be polluting the air must be replaced (or fixed) with instruction by the Supervision Engineer and/or the ECD.</li> <li>• During transportation, the trucks need to be covered to minimize dust, and dust suppression techniques will be implemented, such as applying water to minimize dust from vehicles' movements.</li> </ul>	All components	Minimal standard practices (part of the design)	Contractor	Supervision Engineer / PST NSS
Water and soil pollution	<p>Soakage pits should not be installed directly into a shallow aquifer.</p> <p>Minimize risk to groundwater and surrounding soil by developing a Spill Prevention and Emergency Response Plan (SRP) and provide training to all contract workers on how to implement the plan. Precautions should be in place to prevent wastewater and hazardous substances or materials from entering the environment (e.g., fuel spillage, wastewater containing fire retardant during firefighting); the SRP should include factors associated with both the construction and operational phases and should be available at all SIRAP2 locations.</p>	All components	Minimal (part of standard design and construction practices)	Contractor	SIRAP2 PST & Supervision Engineer

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	<p>No stockpiles within 100m of any surface water bodies or 150m of the coastal areas identified in Section 6.4.2</p> <p>Ensure bunded areas and hard stands are allocated at the construction lay-down area for the storage of fuel, lubricants, and other potential substances required for the project. Watertight bunds must be able to contain 110% of the volumes being stored or 25% if the total volume is more significant than 1,000 L.</p> <p>Ensure wash-down areas with respective collection and treatment systems are designated within the construction camp (e.g., settling pond or tank and concrete slurry treatment) prior to work commencing.</p> <p>The contractor is to undertake groundwater monitoring prior to any site establishment or construction laydown areas to determine baseline conditions. Measure depth to groundwater and analyze samples for concentrations of pH, electrical conductivity, total petroleum hydrocarbons (for potential petroleum contamination), and total nitrogen (for potential sewage contamination), or as agreed with SIWA.</p> <p>The sanitation treatment system (e.g., removal of waste to landfill, compost, or proprietary treatment system) is approved by the Supervision Engineer prior to implementation.</p> <p>It is the contractor's responsibility that relevant Water permits are in place</p> <p>No runoff from laydown sites, construction works, or other project activities will enter any waterway.</p> <p>The Contractors will need to ensure an adequate supply of water for construction and personnel, which does not adversely affect the local community's water supply.</p>				
Water supply	<p>Contractors should include maximum rainwater reclamation and water conservation/ efficiency in all components.</p> <p>The Contractors will need to ensure adequate supply of water for construction and personnel which does not adversely affect local community's water supply.</p>	All components	Minimal (part of standard design practices)	Contractor	Supervision Engineer & SIWA

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Sourcing material	aggregate	<p>Ensure locally sourced aggregate is sourced under appropriate permit from approved quarry sources and are operating in accordance with SIG law. Prior to any quarries being selected for the SIRAP2 project, public consultation will be completed with any affected parties relating to new quarry sites. Consultations will also be completed with the correct landowners to secure access to site and resource extraction.</p> <p>For this project, the quarry site proposed is on MCA land and another quarry site in a privately owned land about 4 kilometers southwest of the runway. For Quarry C, the contractor already consulted the rightful owner and signed an MOU. The contractor will submit the quarry extraction and management plan with the Development Consent for the runway to MMERE to request the BMP. This will be facilitated by MCA and assisted by PST.</p> <p>If the Contractor applies for their own Building Materials License, they will be required to follow national consenting requirements and produce a Quarry Management Plan as per the requirements of SIRAP ESMF &amp; ESMP, which will be included as an annex in the CESMP for clearance.</p> <p>The following conditions apply to site selection for new aggregate extraction sites:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. All sites will be subject to approval and permit under both the Mines and Minerals Act (Building Materials Permit) and the Environment Act (Development Consent).</li> <li>ii. Limits to the volume of material extracted from any one source will be set considering the ability of the source to regenerate and the likely environmental impact of the extraction. As with any extraction, there are limits after which localized or more extensive environmental impacts may occur. This might be due to the facilitation of erosion or sedimentation, which could alter the immediate environment or directly impact flora and fauna.</li> <li>iii. Access to aggregate extraction sites will be negotiated with landowners and users; if access is purpose-built, should the owner not want to keep access, the contractor will be responsible for reinstating the land to its pre-project condition.</li> </ol>	All components	Minimal (part of standard design and construction practices)	Contractor	Supervision Engineer, SIRAP2 CLO, SIRAP2 National Safeguards Specialist & ECD



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	<p>iv. Any rivers or streams identified as being a natural habitat<sup>40</sup> will be assessed under ESS 1. Natural Habitats or forming part of a protected area (including the buffer zone of a protected area), a proposed protected area, or having conservation value, being a habitat for rare or endangered aquatic species or birds, comprising part of the intertidal zone, comprising swamp or wetland, or including mangroves, will not be permitted to be used as sources of gravel.</p> <p>v. Any rivers or streams that are used as a freshwater source for villages should not be used as a materials source, as gravel extraction will cause increased sedimentation and turbidity. In cases where such rivers or streams must be used, alternative water sources, such as drilled or dug wells upstream of extraction sites and works, must be provided for the villages.</p> <p>vi. Use of approved machinery for gravel extraction from rivers, such as an excavator or backhoe. Dredging or similar operations for the winning of construction material will not be permitted;</p> <p>vii. Several sites for extraction are preferred over a large volume being taken from one location.</p> <p>viii. In respect to maximum volumes to be removed from any one source, any river gravel removal for the subproject will be managed in accordance with the aggregate extraction guidelines and conditions of approval for the extraction plan.</p> <p>ix. Gravel or material should not be extracted from river bends, and if required, river training should be undertaken.</p> <p>x. Any extraction sites and borrow areas close to roads will be located at least 15 m outside the right-of-way of roads. Extraction from the sides of roads in a way that could undermine the roads will not be permitted.</p> <p>xi. Any extraction sites within rivers will have a 200m buffer zone between the site and the coastline.</p> <p>xii. Site and pit restoration will follow the completion of works in full compliance with all applicable standards and specifications.</p>				

<sup>40</sup> Natural habitats are land and water areas where (i) the ecosystems' bio-logical communities are formed largely by native plant and animal species, and (ii) human activity has not essentially modified the area's primary ecological functions.

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	<p>xiii. Any topsoil excavated from the top of sites and borrow pit areas will be saved and reused by re-vegetating the sites and pits to the satisfaction of the National Safeguard Specialist.</p> <p>xiv. Additional extraction sites and/or borrow pits will not be opened without the restoration of those areas no longer in use; and</p> <p>xv. The excavation and restoration of sites and borrow areas, as well as their immediate surroundings, will be undertaken in an environmentally sound manner to the satisfaction of the National Safeguard Specialist. Sign-off to this effect by PST will be required before final acceptance and payment under the terms of the contract.</p> <p>For the selected quarry or other quarries on Nendo Island, the Contractor will recruit a CLO experienced in similar projects, and they will be responsible for engaging with the SIRAP2 NSS and ESO to develop relationships with impacted communities or households. During this process, the Contractor CLO and the PST CLO will identify the required traditional exchange of services, which would enable the project to extract aggregate. This traditional exchange of services will be acceptable within the context of the WB ESF and maybe in addition to the usual fee paid for the aggregates. Prior to any commitment being given to the communities, the agreement will be approved by the Supervisor, who will take advice from the SIRAP2 National Safeguard Specialist and SIRAP2 Project Manager.</p> <p>Imported aggregates will be from an existing permitted quarry in an approved country of origin. The source quarry must be operated in compliance with the conditions of their own national permit and good international standards. Supervision Engineer to approve source quarries prior to purchases agreements being signed.</p> <p>To prevent the inter-island spread of GAS, stockpile sites for imported and local aggregates trans-shipped through Honiara will be decontaminated, and a biosecurity perimeter will be maintained at the Honiara stockpile site in conjunction with the SIG Biosecurity department, following the system developed by the Ministry of Infrastructure Development (MID_) for their road aggregate stockpile site.</p>				

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	The contractor will be required to present specific management plans for the sea and land transportation of these materials from the original to the project site, especially the landing facility. The Supervision Engineer will approve these plans				
Solid waste generation	<p>The Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) will be completed following the ESMP requirements. The SWMP will be included as an appendix to the CESMP for clearance by the Supervision Engineer.</p> <p>The Contractor is always responsible for the safe and sound disposal of all solid waste generated by the Works.</p> <p>Solid waste includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General waste (i.e. office type waste, household waste (from any workers camps), lightweight packaging materials).</li> <li>• Recyclable waste (i.e., certain plastics, metals, rubber, etc., that can be recycled).</li> <li>• Organic biodegradable waste (i.e., waste that will decay/break down in a reasonable amount of time, such as green waste or food waste).</li> <li>• Inorganic non-recyclable waste (i.e. waste that cannot decompose/break down and which cannot be recycled).</li> <li>• Hazardous waste (i.e., asbestos, waste oil, etc.)</li> </ul> <p>The Contractor will determine a permitted site through discussion with the Temotu Provincial Government or local landowner on where to dispose waste at Lata. The contractor is responsible for identifying a designated site and digs pits for general waste, cans/tins, and biodegradable wastes. The kitchen waste and recycled items can be given to the locals. Only the hazardous waste can be transported to Honiara and properly disposed of at Ranadi Landfill.</p> <p>The Ranadi Landfill is operated by the Honiara City Council (HCC) Environmental Health Division. It has a drainage system and settling and digestion ponds to capture leachate.</p>	All locations	Minimal (part of standard design and construction practices)	Contractor	Supervision Engineer

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General waste (including only small quantities of lightweight packaging waste) can be disposed of at Honiara, subject to HCC approval. In addition to this, and with the approval of the Supervision Engineer:</li> <li>• Organic biodegradable waste may be deposited in designated dumping areas in reasonable quantities.</li> <li>• Recyclable waste may be supplied to a local receiver licensed to process such waste.</li> </ul> <p>The SWMP shall describe solid waste streams generated by the works and detail the approved disposal methods and permissions. At all times, the Contractor is responsible for solid waste generated by the Works in accordance with the Environmental Health Act and the Solomon Islands Waste Management and Pollution Control Strategy 2017-2026.</p> <p>The Contractor will develop an SWMP following the guidelines provided in Appendix D of this ESMP which also adheres to the SIG Environmental Health Act. As a minimum the SWMP will make provisions for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe the solid waste streams generated by the works along with estimated quantities.</li> <li>• Develop a plan for safe storage and handling of waste stored on the project site as per the stipulations in this ESMP.</li> <li>• Identify approved service providers for collection and disposal of waste and stipulate conditions of carriage.</li> <li>• Detail the approved disposal methods along with appropriate permissions.</li> <li>• Confirm with HCC the process and permissions for using Ranadi Landfill for handling general project waste and septic waste.</li> <li>• The contractor shall contact HCC to determine whether any quantities of the projects hazardous waste materials generated by the project are suitable to be handled at the Ranadi Landfill and obtain any permissions necessary.</li> <li>• Contractors seek permission from HCC to disposal of organic biodegradable waste in their designated managed area.</li> </ul>				

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recyclable waste may be supplied to a local receiver licensed to process such waste.</li> <li>• Contractor to identify shipping routes and licensed disposal facilities for all exported waste.</li> <li>• Contractor to identify any export permits or conditions for export of waste.</li> <li>• Identify those people responsible for implementing and monitoring the SWMP.</li> </ul> <p>Any waste that cannot be safely and correctly disposed of in the SI is to be disposed of OFFSHORE in permitted or licensed facilities. It is the Contractor’s responsibility to obtain all necessary permissions for the transport and safe disposal of hazardous waste from the project site in a legally designated hazardous waste management site within the country or in another country and to ensure compliance with all relevant laws. Evidence will need to be supplied to the Supervision Engineer of the proper disposal of waste at the final location.</p> <p>The export of hazardous waste must comply with the Basel and Waigani Conventions and any relevant laws enacted by the source and recipient countries.</p> <p>Disused material may be generated in the form of surplus aggregates or surplus materials from excavations. Most of the clean fill material can either be used to backfill areas where old equipment or infrastructure has been removed or as a resource for general use by MCA and the community. Clean-fill materials that cannot be reused within the timeframe of the project implementation shall be transported to a location approved by the MCA and stored for future use by the Ministry. This location shall also be subject to approval by the Supervision Engineer.</p> <p>Unless otherwise instructed by the Supervision Engineer, other surplus materials not needed during the defect’s liability period shall be removed from the site and the country.</p>				

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Hazardous substances	<p>Where possible, fuel shall be obtained from local commercially available sources; prior arrangements regarding quantity and type will need to be organized by the contractor. All fuel to be stored in self-bunded containers</p> <p>Fuel should only be stored in self-bunded containers within designated areas designed to store and facilitate operations associated with it (e.g., re-fueling) in all project locations.</p> <p>Bunded areas (secondary containment) must contain the larger of 110% of the largest tank or 25% of the combined volumes in areas with a total storage volume equal to or greater than 1,000 L. Bunded areas are to be impervious (watertight), constructed from chemically resistant material, and be sheltered from the rain as rainwater allowed to collect within the bund could be contaminated if there is any hazardous substance residue on storage containers or spilled product within the bund.</p> <p>A Spill Prevention and Emergency Response Plan should be developed by the Contractor and trained workers. The response plan should include details on the use of spill kits and absorbent items to prevent spills from entering the receiving sensitive environment (ground, surface water). This plan should be applicable to all project work areas. An SRP should be in place for both the construction phase and the operational phase.</p> <p>Bitumen will be stored at the construction laydown area.</p> <p>Identify a suitable area for hardstands and bunded storage areas. These areas should be at least 100m inland from the coast.</p> <p>Any empty asphalt or bitumen drums will be removed offshore and either returned to the supplier or disposed of in a legally approved facility outside the Solomon Islands.</p> <p>It is the Contractor's responsibility to ensure that these are stored in accordance with the ESMP and applicable rules and regulations and that all people who may encounter such hazardous substances and materials are adequately protected from unnecessary exposure.</p>	All locations	Minimal (part of mobilisation and construction planning)	Contractors	SIRAP2 PST

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	<p>The export of hazardous waste must comply with the Basel and Waigani Conventions and any relevant laws enacted by the source and recipient countries.</p> <p>Any clean filling material generated will either be used to backfill areas where old equipment or infrastructure has been removed or as a resource (e.g., crushed asphalt and base course material (only a small quantity will be sourced from Honiara)) for general use by MCA and the community.</p> <p>Clean-fill materials that cannot be reused within the timeframe of the project implementation shall be transported to a location approved by the Public Works Department and stored for future use by the Ministry. This location shall also be subject to approval by the Supervision Engineer. These materials shall be removed from the site area and safely disposed of in compliance with any local requirements at the Employer’s nominated disposal site(s) and/or disposed of at the Contractor’s quarry site(s), before the start of the defect’s liability period.</p> <p>Unless otherwise instructed by the Supervision Engineer, other surplus materials not needed during the defect’s liability period shall be removed from the site and the country.</p> <p>Where possible, fuel shall be obtained from local commercially available sources. The contractor will need to organize prior arrangements regarding quantity and type. All fuel shall be stored in self-bunded containers.</p>				
Importation of equipment and materials	<p>Biosecurity Solomon Islands will inspect all imported vehicles, equipment, materials, and machinery upon arrival.</p> <p>The Contractor is to arrange for their vehicles and machinery to be thoroughly cleaned of all contamination prior to shipping (e.g. soil, rocks, plant material, seeds, etc.). Items shipped inside containers must also be thoroughly cleaned of all previous cargo residues, including dunnage.</p> <p>Obtain import permits and quarantine certification prior to export from the country of origin. Certificate of fumigation and verification of source (as per</p>	All components	Minimal (part of mobilisation and construction planning)	Contractor	Supervision Engineer

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	<p>national requirements) to be submitted to Quarantine Inspectors and approved by the Supervision Engineer prior to delivery to site.</p> <p>For imported aggregates, an import permit will be required, and the conditions of this permit may include the following fumigation requirements as a minimum:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Fumigation with methyl bromide at normal atmospheric pressure at a rate of 48g/m<sup>3</sup> for 24 hours at 21°C or above within 21 days of shipment.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>OR</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Fumigation with sulphuryl fluoride (Vikane) at normal atmospheric pressure at a rate of 64 g/m<sup>3</sup> for 16 hours at 21°C or above within 21 days of shipment.</i></p> <p>The Supervision Engineer shall confirm that all necessary biosecurity documentation and clearances have been provided before imported items are delivered to the site.</p> <p>The contractor will be required to present specific management plans for the sea and land transportation of these materials from the original to the project site, especially the landing facility. The Supervision Engineer will approve these plans</p> <p>Any locally supplied aggregates for this project will need to be sourced from an area known to be free of GAS.</p>				
Community grievances	<p>Implement SIRAP2 SEP.</p> <p>Ensure that public consultation and disclosure communication are completed at regular intervals with full involvement of the SIRAP2 National Safeguards Specialist (NSS) to ensure that the public is fully aware of the works. The consultation should include all aspects of the project. It shall also include raising awareness of the project Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM), how to complain, and how complaints will be managed.</p>	All components	Minimal (part of mobilisation and construction planning)	Supervision Engineer SIRAP2 PST NSS	SIRAP2 PST CLO & NSS



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	In all instances, consultations will be designed to ensure the free, prior, and informed consent of the affected communities, with the aim of maintaining the broad community support for the project that has been demonstrated to date.  Advertise, maintain and operate a grievance response mechanism, including publishing statistics on resolutions.				
Worker grievances	Establish a worker grievance mechanism as described in the SIRAP2 Labour Management Procedure. Monitor and report on all grievances received.	All locations	No additional costs	Contractor	Supervision Engineer
Local business grievances	Ensure that local businesses and roadside vendors are included in the public consultation and disclosure communication process. Regular communication should be made with affected parties to ensure that they are fully aware of the proposed program of work, how to complain, and how complaints will be managed.	All roads	Minimal (part of mobilization and construction planning)	Contractor	Supervision Engineer
<b>CONSTRUCTION STAGE</b>					
Traffic (vehicle and pedestrian) and construction safety	<p>The Contractor will prepare and issue a site-specific Traffic Management Plan prior to commencing physical works on-site to address traffic-related issues related to the project. This TMP should be in accordance with Traffic Control during construction and should form an annex to the Contractors ESMP. The Contractor shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement the traffic management plan (TMP) to ensure smooth traffic flow and safety for workers, passing vehicles, and pedestrians.</li> <li>• Where appropriate, employ flag operators on the road to prevent traffic accidents. The workers shall have relevant safety equipment and training.</li> </ul> <p>The TMP should prohibit the use of engines from breaking close to and through communities and inhabited areas and regulate the working hours of haul trucks.</p> <p>The TMP should include traffic control measures for nighttime work.</p> <p>Special care must be taken when construction works reach any school nearby. Coordination with school representatives must occur for the safe passage of</p>	Route from quarries and ports to laydown sites	Safety equipment included in construction cost	Construction Contractors	Supervision Engineer

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	<p>students and parents through a construction area. This may include restricted work hours, reduced speeds, and detours.</p> <p>Contractor to report on adherence to speed limits and use of haulage routes in monthly reports.</p>				
Construction in coastal and marine environment	<p>Limit machinery to a defined limited working area on the reef flat.</p> <p>Carry out works on the mid-low-mid tide cycle as far as practicable to reduce the volume of sediments that can become suspended.</p> <p>Do not stockpile material on the reef flat between tides or within 150m of the coast.</p> <p>Daily records of site conditions during each work period, including plume density and extent, are to be kept.</p> <p>Pedestrian access to the work site is to be strictly controlled</p> <p>A spill kit is available during all work with machinery on the reef flat.</p> <p>No reef flat construction work takes place during periods of bad weather.</p> <p>Activities shall be monitored during the project.</p>	Project site	Minimal (part of standard construction practice)	Contractor	Supervision Engineer
Site Safety	<p>Restrict access to the construction zone through warning signs, temporary gates, fencing, or demarcation of other construction zones at all entry points, including the Contractor Laydown site.</p> <p>Demarcate all excavations of 2.0m depth or greater and side slopes more than 2:1 (horizontal to vertical) through construction fence, rope, or other means that clearly define the hazard.</p> <p>Maintain and demarcate a 5.0m setback from the top of the bank using signs, construction flags, or other visual warnings to prevent machinery, vehicles, and people from accidentally falling into the river channel.</p> <p>Ensure the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) and consider providing on-site storage of workers-allocated PPE.</p>	All components	Included as the provisional sum in the bill of quantity	Contractor	Supervision Engineer  SIRAP2 PST
Soil erosion	<p>Marine Water quality monitoring (including suspended sediments) will be undertaken in the marine aquatic environment southwest and northeast of the construction site or Santa Airfield, including at wells within the site's</p>	All locations	Minimal (part of standard construction practice)	Construction Contractors	Supervision Engineer

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	<p>proximity. This will be the Contractor's responsibility. The Supervision Engineer ensures that the Contractor monitors the water quality before, during, and after the project.</p> <p>The Contractor shall maintain all erosion and sediment controls in effective working order, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimize the time and size of ground-disturbing activities to a workable size at any one time. Ensure sediment traps are in place prior to work commencing. Vegetation is to be removed manually; strictly no herbicides or pesticides are to be used.</li> <li>• Division bunding or other similar methods to be used for large areas of vegetation clearance and around excavations.</li> <li>• Keep construction vehicles on defined tracks.</li> <li>• Re-vegetate disturbed areas that are not being paved as soon as practicable (loosen ground; apply topsoil; seed or plant as necessary).</li> <li>• All earthworks must be undertaken with the intent to reduce/prevent soil erosion of any exposed surface and constructed according to a phasing plan that requires re-vegetation before proceeding to the next stage.</li> <li>• Minimize the number of stockpiles in the area, and a few times stockpiles are exposed, place all minimum 30m from areas prone to flooding and construct a swale (minimum 450 x 450 mm) between stockpiles and adjacent properties to retain sediment in the construction zone.</li> <li>• Slopes greater than 2:1 (stockpiles, excavation pits, temporary cut/fill, and final landscape form) must be fitted with appropriate erosion control measures as soon as possible.</li> <li>• All earthworks to be undertaken during the dry season or when the weather conditions are favorable.</li> <li>• Install silt traps in all temporary and permanent drains where work is occurring in or within 30m of such drains.</li> <li>• All run-off from the project shall be collected and diverted to facilities for the removal of sediments, i.e. silt ponds.</li> </ul>				

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Runoff from the project area shall not be discharged into adjacent water bodies, including the sea, without effective means to prevent sedimentation.</li> </ul>				
Natural Disasters Cyclones Earthquakes Landslips	<p>If a cyclone strikes, within 24 hours, construction must cease, any loose boulders and construction materials secured or removed from near rivers and other water courses, all stockpiles of loose aggregate or soil covered or removed, and any potential contaminant covered or removed. Any temporary fencing or safety equipment likely to be in the flooding zone must also be removed.</p> <p>Compact and protect all stockpiles and excavation pits throughout the construction period.</p> <p>Stabilize any steep slope (more significant than 2:1 horizontal to vertical) with erosion control measures.</p>	All locations	Minimal (part of standard construction practice)	Contractor	Supervision Engineer
Vegetation Clearance	<p>For any vegetation clearance:</p> <p>The Contractor will limit any areas to be cleared to the minimum workable area.</p> <p>The contractor shall not enter any privately used land or damaged crops or assets before all requirements of the SIRAP PRP or ESS5 are met.</p> <p>Any significant vegetation (crop trees, important shade trees, boundary marker species, etc.) will be identified prior to any clearance. Appropriate compensation or avoidance measures will be secured (consultations facilitated by the National Safeguards Specialists and CLO) prior to the establishment of laydown and storage sites. This will follow the process identified in Section 7.2.1 and SIRAP 2 PRP and ensure that crops are harvested, and people have alternative lands available for gardening.</p> <p>A 100m buffer zone was established around watercourses and the coastline.</p> <p>Contractor's machinery operators to understand boundaries.</p> <p>Cleared vegetative material to be disposed of by communities for fuel wood.</p> <p>All topsoil (minimum 150mm depth) must be stripped, stockpiled, and re-applied to revegetated areas.</p>	All locations (Laydown and storage sites, Quarry sites and roads)	Minimal (part of standard construction practice)	Contractor	Supervision Engineer and National Safeguard Specialist

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	<p>Final grading must re-construct the original landscape shape and grade at edges of the construction zone.</p> <p>Trees and vegetation stockpiled for decomposition must be in appropriate locations that will not disrupt the surrounding landscape's drainage patterns, or they must be removed and disposed of at an approved site.</p> <p>Where villagers desire logs and firewood, contractors must remove branches and assist villages in transporting logs to appropriate locations.</p> <p>The contractor informed communities ahead of time about the actual vegetation that needed to be removed.</p>				
Waste disposal	<p>The Contractor shall prepare and Implement an approved Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP). The SWMP shall describe solid waste streams generated by the works and detail the approved disposal methods and permissions.</p> <p>The plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identifies the landfill to be used for the work waste.</li> <li>• Ensure all construction waste material is reused, recycled, returned to the supplier, or packed up for transport to an approved disposal site or out of the country, depending on the accepted waste streams at each facility.</li> <li>• Ensure areas for waste collection, recycling, and off-site disposal are clearly marked/signposted. Segregate waste to avoid cross-contamination, such as with contaminated material (hazardous substance).</li> <li>• Require the contractor to install waste collection facilities at the construction lay-down area to allow for the collection and packing of waste. There is strictly no dumping of rubbish. Include awareness training in general environmental training.</li> <li>• Prohibit the disposal of solid waste into drainage ditches and public areas.</li> <li>• Prohibit the burning of construction and domestic wastes.</li> <li>• Ensure that workers are provided with a sanitary system to prevent fouling of surrounding soil. The sanitary system must be of</li> </ul>	All locations (laydown site, stockpile site, work location and workers facilities)	Minimal (part of standard construction practice)	Contractors	Supervision Engineer

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	<p>sufficient size for the number of workers and must take into account the disposal situation at the local landfill. If access to existing facilities is not available, workers must be provided with a sanitary system to prevent fouling of surrounding soils.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All hazardous waste is to be disposed of offshore in permitted or licensed facilities. It is the Contractor’s responsibility to obtain all necessary permissions for the transport and safe disposal of hazardous waste from the project site in a legally designated hazardous waste management site within the country or another country and to ensure compliance with all relevant laws. Evidence will need to be supplied to the Supervision Engineer of the proper disposal of waste at the final location.</li> <li>• With the approval of the Supervision Engineer, organic biodegradable waste may be deposited in designated dumping areas in reasonable quantities and other suitable facilities that do not lead to leachate reaching soils or groundwater.</li> <li>• Organic biodegradable waste may be deposited in designated dumping areas in reasonable quantities at the approved landfill.</li> </ul> <p>At all times, the Contractor is responsible for solid waste generated by the Works in accordance with the Environmental Health Act and the Solomon Islands Waste Management and Pollution Control Strategy 2017-2026. Waste that cannot be disposed of at Lata can be transported to Honiara Landfill. The Honiara City Council should be consulted on their willingness and ability to receive the waste from Lata.</p> <p>Any waste that cannot be safely and correctly disposed of in the SI is to be disposed of OFFSHORE in permitted or licensed facilities. It is the Contractor’s responsibility to obtain all necessary permissions for the transport and safe disposal of hazardous waste from the project site in a legally designated hazardous waste management site within the country or in another country and to ensure compliance with all relevant laws. Evidence will need to be supplied to the Supervision Engineer of the proper disposal of waste at the final location.</p>				

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	<p>The export of hazardous waste must comply with the Basel and Waigani Conventions and any relevant laws enacted by the source and recipient countries.</p> <p>Disused material may be generated in the form of surplus aggregates or surplus materials from excavations. Most of the clean fill material can either be used to backfill areas where old equipment or infrastructure has been removed or as a resource for general use by MCA and the community. Clean-fill materials that cannot be reused within the timeframe of the project implementation shall be transported to a location approved by the MCA and stored for future use by the Ministry. This location shall also be subject to approval by the Supervision Engineer.</p> <p>Unless otherwise instructed by the Supervision Engineer, other surplus materials not needed during the defect's liability period shall be removed from the site and the country.</p> <p>The Contractor is responsible for collecting and treating the septic waste. Temporary toilets and wastewater disposal or treatment will need to be in accordance with the ECD and MCA advice (for example, construction and training in the use of compositing toilet facilities).</p>				
Water and soil pollution	<p>Treatment and disposal of all Contractor-generated sanitation wastewater is in accordance with ECD and approved by the Supervision Engineer.</p> <p>Hydrocarbons (lubricants/fuel) shall be collected and recycled or disposed of according to SIG regulations (incinerated or removed from).</p> <p>All areas intended for the storage of hazardous materials will be quarantined and provided with adequate facilities to combat emergency situations.</p> <p>Spill response kits are available at all fuel storage locations, and SPRMP training was completed for all construction workers.</p> <p>Ensure availability of spill clean-up materials (e.g. absorbent pads, etc.) specially designed for petroleum products and other hazardous substances where such materials are being stored.</p>	All locations	Minimal (part of standard construction practice)	Contractors	Supervision Engineer & ECD

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	<p>Spillage, if any, will be immediately cleared with utmost caution to leave no traces.</p> <p>Precautions should be placed to prevent wastewater and hazardous substances/materials from entering the environment (e.g., fuel spillage, wastewater containing fire retardant during firefighting); however, should an incident occur, the Contractor must have an SRP in place. The plan should include details on the use of spill kits and absorbent items to prevent spills from entering the receiving sensitive environment (ground, surface water). This plan should be applicable to all SIRAP2 project works areas (quarries and transport routes). An SRP should be in place for both the construction phase and operational phase.</p> <p>Zones for preliminary waste accumulation should be designated in areas that will cause no damage to the vegetation cover or leach into groundwater or surface water (e.g., within a construction lay-down area on a hard surface).</p> <p>Machinery refueling must be undertaken at least 20m from any watercourse.</p> <p>Heavy machinery should not be used during a period of heavy rain or when the ground is waterlogged</p> <p>Excavations are bunded to prevent water runoff, and clean water diversion (e.g., sandbags, clay bunds, or shallow trenches) directs overland flow away from active work and storage areas. Soakage pits should not be installed directly into a shallow aquifer.</p> <p>Control overland drainage to prevent channeling and sediment transport by diverting flows away from exposed areas. Sediment-laden runoff from excavations or stockpiles must be directed to a settling area or collected for dust suppression, provided it is not contaminated with chemicals (e.g., fuel).</p> <p>Wastewater from wash-down areas is to be collected either in a settlement pond or tank to allow sediment and particulate matter to drop out (or processed through a filtration system) before it can be reused as wash water, dust suppression water, or in other processes.</p> <p>Regular cleaning of access points to prevent dirt build-up on roads.</p>				



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	<p>Discharge of oil-contaminated water shall be prohibited.</p> <p>Discharges of treated wash water are to occur to land only, at least 500m from any bore used for potable water, at a rate not exceeding 20mm/day or the ground's infiltration rate (i.e., no ponding or runoff).</p> <p>A separate washdown area is required for machinery or material with oil or fuel residue, which is treated through an oil-water separator.</p> <p>Concrete production should only take place when rain is not forecast. Sandbags or diversion drains must be used to divert runoff from concrete cutting or setting areas.</p> <p>Concrete production is to be equipped with settlement tanks/ponds for treating slurry and process water. Treatment shall include settling suspended solids and decreasing the water's pH. Waste concrete should be allowed to harden before reuse as clean fill.</p> <p>Set any concrete waste and then dispose of as clean fill or crush for reuse. All equipment used in concrete production must be cleaned in designated wash down areas in the construction laydown area, away from surface water, in a bunded impermeable area and shall not be allowed to permeate to ground. Wastewater from concrete cutting, washing equipment or production must be collected and treated (settling and neutralization through pH adjustment).</p> <p>In sections along the river or coastal area, earth and stone should be properly disposed of so as not to block rivers as this could result in adverse impact on water quality.</p>				
Groundwater and surface water	<p>Aquifers discovered during excavation must be suitably protected from contamination using erosion control and stormwater management techniques in the National Building Code.</p> <p>Minimize risk to groundwater and surrounding soil by developing a Spill Prevention and Response Management Plan and providing training to all contract workers on how to implement the Spill Prevention and Response Management Plan. Precautions should be placed to prevent wastewater and hazardous substances or materials entering the environment (e.g. fuel spillage, wastewater containing fire retardant during firefighting), The Spill</p>	All locations	Minimal (part of standard construction practice)	Contractors	Supervision Engineer

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	<p>Prevention and Emergency Response Plan should include factors associated with both the construction and operational phases and should be available at all project locations.</p> <p>Mitigation measures will be implemented to divert stormwater from the construction site away.</p>				
Generation of dust	<p>Use closed/covered trucks for transportation of construction materials.</p> <p>Any vehicle which is overloaded (exceed designed load limit) or is not covered properly shall be refused entry to the construction lay down area or material shall be refused delivery (if not to the construction lay down area).</p> <p>Cover or wet down stockpiles containing fine material (e.g. sand and topsoil) when not actively being used. Wetting of stockpiles is allowed but due to freshwater constraints should be kept to a minimum.</p> <p>All machinery and equipment should be well maintained and in good working order.</p> <p>All surfaces should be constructed to their final design solution as quickly as practicable.</p> <p>Keep work areas clean with regular sweeping.</p> <p>Asphalt crushing shall only be undertaken with a west crushing plant.</p> <p>Only small areas should be cleared of vegetation at any one time and re-vegetation should occur as soon as practicable.</p> <p>Dust masks and personnel protective equipment must be available for workers during dust-generating activities (e.g. pavement milling).</p> <p>Manage speed of transportation trucks on unsealed roads, particularly when passing through settlements.</p> <p>All construction areas and access roads will be sprinkled with water on a regular basis, particularly during dry, windy conditions. Sources of water will be detailed in the CESMP.</p> <p>Ensure watering of access road adjacent to residential areas during dry periods.</p>	All locations (particular focus on identified sensitive social receptors – schools, churches, health centres, market stalls)	Minimal (part of standard construction practice)	Construction Contractors	Supervision Engineer

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	<p>Water soil stockpiles or otherwise cover them to limit the spread of air-borne dust particles.</p> <p>Minimize heavy machinery usage and idling.</p> <p>Ensure vehicles and machinery are fitted with appropriate emission control equipment to avoid air pollution and the release of toxic substances.</p>				
Noise and vibration disturbances	<p>Minimize nuisance from noise, especially closer to residential areas and sensitive receptors, through establishment and communication to affected parties of working hours and avoid increase of noise and amount of work equipment outside of advertised hours. Advertise working hours at the site entrance.</p> <p>The crushing plant is to be located away from residences and communities. The crushing plant will be located so that it is screened by natural vegetation and/or landforms to act as a noise barrier.</p> <p>If possible, use noise barriers/screens or mounds to shield sensitive receptors from aggregate processing.</p> <p>No work is to be undertaken at night or on a Sunday.</p> <p>Regularly check and maintain machinery, equipment, and vehicle conditions to ensure appropriate use of mufflers, etc.</p> <p>Workers in the vicinity of sources of high noise should wear the necessary protective gear rated for the situation in which they are being used.</p> <p>Communities should be consulted to inform them of any changes in the work and process for loading complaints.</p> <p>Signage should outline the complaints procedure (GRM) and the contact details of the complaint recipient (e.g., phone number, physical address, and email).</p> <p>The WB/IFC EHS Guidelines<sup>41</sup> Section 1.7—Noise Management at the aggregate processing plant shall be applied. Noise impacts should not exceed the levels at the closest residential or other sensitive social receptors for one hour LAeq of 55 dBA between the hours of 0700-2200 or 45 dBA outside of</p>	All locations (particularly close to identified sensitive receptors)	Minimal (part of standard construction practice)	Construction Contractors	Supervision Engineer, SIRAP2 PST & ECD

<sup>41</sup> International Finance Corporation, Environmental Health and Safety Guidelines, General Guidelines: Noise Management

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	<p>these hours for night works or result in a maximum increase in background noise levels of 3dB at the nearest receptor location off-site.</p> <p>Project activities must be conducted during normal working hours and days. If activities must be conducted in the evening and/or on the weekend, the local Community Council of Chiefs must be given at least one week's notice of start and completion times.</p> <p>Maintain as much tree cover as possible between the construction zone and residential buildings.</p> <p>Operators of noisy equipment or other workers in the vicinity of excessively noisy equipment are to be provided with ear protection equipment.</p> <p>Any construction equipment deemed too noisy by MCA shall be replaced.</p>				
<p>Accident risks/Impacts on traffic safety</p>	<p>In compliance with national regulations, the Contractor will implement the Traffic Management Plan (TMP) and ensure that the construction site is properly secured and construction-related traffic regulated. This includes but is not limited to:</p> <p>Signposting, warning signs, barriers, and traffic diversions will make the site clearly visible and warn the public of all potential hazards.</p> <p>Traffic management system and staff training, especially for site access and near-site heavy traffic. Provision of safe passages and crossings for pedestrians where construction traffic interferes.</p> <p>Arrange necessary measures for pedestrian and passerby safety and the safety of all means of transportation (e.g., establish protection zones, bypass these areas during material transportation, etc.).</p> <p>Relevant safety elements such as guardrails, road signs and delineators, pavement markings, barricades and beams, and warning lights shall be installed. In some cases, a flag operator or traffic control supervisor could be engaged around the specific work site.</p> <p>The contractor is to report on adherence to speed limits and use of haulage routes in monthly reports.</p>	<p>All locations</p>	<p>Safety equipment included in construction cost</p> <p>Minimal (part of standard construction practice)</p>	<p>Construction Contractors</p>	<p>Supervision Engineer</p>

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	<p>If the buildings stay open to the public, ensuring safe and continuous access to office facilities, shops, and residences during renovation activities is essential.</p> <p>Adjustment of working hours to local traffic patterns, e.g., avoiding major transport activities during peak hours (e.g., school pick-off times, etc.).</p> <p>Conduct road safety audits prior to completion of construction to ensure road safety designs are properly implemented.</p>				
Chance finds of objects and loss of archaeological artefacts or sites	<p>In the event of the discovery of an item, the finding must be registered, and the information shall be handed over to The Museum of Solomon Islands (under the Ministry of Culture and Tourism), who will advise on how they shall monitor the construction works.</p> <p>Work to stop in the specific location of unearthed artefacts or the site. Fence the area to limit access and notify SIRAP2 PST and the Supervision Engineer immediately for instructions on how to proceed.</p> <p>Chance-find procedure for discovery of Unexploded Ordnance: The contractor must immediately stop work and clear the work site of all personnel. The discovery must also be immediately reported to the Supervision Engineer, MCA, and the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF).</p>	All locations	No marginal cost	Contractors	MCA/ Supervision Engineer
Landscape degradation	<p>The contractor is required to detail their plans for site decommissioning and restoration in the CESMP. The plan will describe all activities regarding site restoration and landscaping in areas such as borrow pits, quarries, camps, crushing plants, etc. to ensure that the activities are done to an appropriate and acceptable standard. The sites must be restored to at least the same condition and standard that existed prior to the commencement of works. The Supervision Engineer will approve the restoration of quarry sites to be completed in accordance with ESMP and QMP.</p> <p>Construction materials will be sourced commercially, and use of wood from natural forests will not be permitted.</p>	All locations	Minimal (part of standard construction practice)	Contractors	SIRAP2 PST/ Supervision Engineer / ECD

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	<p>The contractor is to include provision for construction lay down area rehabilitation following the completion of the construction phase.</p> <p>The restoration of quarries is to be completed in accordance with ESMP.</p> <p>Restoration of the landscape after completion of rehabilitation works; restore the vegetation cover in accordance with the surrounding landscape and any required design (e.g., grassland or shrubs).</p> <p>Use plant species characteristics for the landscape during restoration of the vegetation cover.</p> <p>Should the removal of mature trees be necessary for operational safety, determine whether ESS5 would be triggered and ensure all appropriate measures and permissions are in place before the trees are removed.</p> <p>Photographs will be taken of any laydown and stockpiling sites prior to establishment and provided to the Supervision Engineer. The photos will be used as a guide during restoration, and post-restoration photographs are required to be submitted to the Supervision Engineer.</p> <p>Land disturbed during construction must be revegetated and graded/constructed as quickly as possible to prevent soil erosion.</p> <p>Any final steep slopes should be finished using bioengineering techniques.</p> <p>Drainage patterns before construction must be restored. If modified, drainage patterns must not increase or decrease, which could negatively impact adjacent forested or farmed areas.</p>				
<p>Hazardous substances and safety and pollution</p>	<p>Hazardous substances and materials may be specified and used in construction. It is the Contractor's responsibility to ensure that these are stored in accordance with the ESMP and applicable rules and regulations and that all people who may encounter such hazardous substances and materials are adequately protected from unnecessary exposure.</p> <p>Store and handle hazardous substances with self-bunded tanks or drums. With the Supervision Engineer's permission, it may alternatively be stored in bunded, hard stand, or designated areas only. Bunded areas to drain to an oil water separator will need to be constructed, or a mobile proprietary unit will</p>	<p>All locations (particularly near the identified environmental receptors: rivers)</p>	<p>Safety equipment included in construction cost</p> <p>Minimal (part of standard construction practice)</p>	<p>Contractors</p>	<p>Supervision Engineer</p>

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	<p>need to be explicitly imported for use on the SRIAP2. Bunds to contain 110% of total volume required to be stored or 25% of total volume if total volume is over 1,000 L.</p> <p>Provide hazard-specific personnel protective equipment (e.g., chemical or heat-resistant clothing, gloves) to workers directly involved in handling hazardous substances.</p> <p>A complete list, including safety data sheets (SDS), for each hazardous substance stored or used shall always be accessible. Signage identifying all chemicals present shall be posted in storage areas.</p> <p>Precautions should be in place to prevent wastewater and hazardous substances/materials from entering the environment (e.g., fuel spillage, wastewater containing fire retardant during firefighting); however, should an incident occur, the contractor's SPRMP must be in place. The plan should include details on the use of spill kits and absorbent items to prevent spills from entering the receiving sensitive environment (ground, surface water). This plan should be applicable to all SIRAP2 project works areas. A Spill Prevention and Emergency Response Plan should be in place for both the construction phase and operational phase.</p> <p>The response plan should include details on using spill kits and absorbent items to prevent spills from entering the receiving sensitive environment (ground, surface water). This Spill Prevention and Emergency Response Plan should be applicable to all project works areas (road sections, laydown, quarries, and transport routes) and in place for both the construction phase and the operational phase.</p> <p>Spill kits and training be provided to all workers during toolbox meetings. Spill kits to contain PPE for the spill clean-up (e.g. appropriate gloves [nitrile] and overalls), material to contain the spill and absorbent pads, and a heavy-duty rubbish bag to collect absorbent pads or material.</p> <p>Waste oil to be collected and removed abroad to an approved facility (for disposal or cleaning) at completion of works.</p>				

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	<p>Minimize fuels and chemicals stored on-site and Contractor to have a spill management plan that ensures the protection of groundwater and the river channel.</p> <p>Sites where pollutants or hazardous materials are stored or used must be confined to a designated area or protected according to the National Building Code of Solomon Islands.</p> <p>Adopt effective stormwater management techniques to ensure there is no possibility of groundwater or river channel contamination.</p>				
Loss of biodiversity	<p>If during construction work, particularly vegetation clearance and excavations any bird, reptile or mammal species is identified as being potentially impacted (e.g. nesting bird in area of proposed vegetation clearance) work are to stop in the specific location of the find and the ECD and SIRAP2 PST be notified immediately for instruction to proceed.</p> <p>The contractor must liaise with the Environment and Conservation Division should any fauna (reptile, avian, or mammal) encounter that affects construction activities for the works.</p> <p>All recognized natural habitats and protected areas in the immediate vicinity of the activity will not be damaged or exploited, all staff will be strictly prohibited from hunting, foraging, logging or other damaging activities.</p> <p>For large trees in the vicinity of the activity, mark and cordon off with a fence large trees and protect the root system and avoid any damage to the trees.</p> <p>Marine environment and any open water drain discharging to the marine environment will be protected, from construction site run-off, with appropriate erosion and sediment control feature to include by not limited to bunds, silt fences etc.</p> <p>There will be no unlicensed borrow pits, quarries or waste dumps in adjacent areas.</p> <p>Ensure the full payment of compensation for lost crops and assets to rightful owners.</p>	All locations	No marginal cost	Contractor	Supervision Engineer / SIRAP2 PST / ECD



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Health and safety	<p>Do not commence work until the contractor's OHS Management Plan has been approved by the Engineer.</p> <p>Implement all provisions within the approved OHS Management Plan</p> <p>Have safety officer with suitable qualifications available at all times during construction.</p> <p>Ensure all workers have undergone suitable induction training on OHS with regular training throughout the project.</p> <p>Prepare safety plans specifying responsibilities and authorities. Health and safety documentation to include all areas of the project (e.g. quarries and transport routes). Ensure all occupational health and safety requirements are in place on construction sites and in work camps.</p> <p>Construction lay down area to be fenced to prevent access by unauthorized personnel.</p> <p>First aid training will be provided as required to site workers, with basic first aid services provided by the Contractor, e.g., stretcher transport to the hospital. First aid kits will be in communal areas or marked areas in the unlikely event of an incident.</p> <p>Provide education on basic hygiene practices to minimize the spread of diseases.</p> <p>Increase workers' HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted disease awareness, including information on methods of transmission and protection measures.</p> <p>Prohibit usage of drugs and alcohol on construction sites and undertake regular alcohol testing.</p> <p>Install lights and cautionary signs in hazardous areas.</p> <p>Enhance safety and inspection procedures.</p> <p>Ensure use of PPE and consider providing for on-site storage of workers allocated PPE.</p>	All locations	Included as provisional sum in the bill of quantity	Contractor	Supervision Engineer / SIRAP2 PST

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	<p>Worker GRM will be available and will enable worker to report unsafe working practices as described in Section 7.11 of this ESMP and the LMP</p> <p>All workers are required to undergo the COVID-19 screening before the recruitment process.</p> <p>If a worker has been tested positive or have been in contact with a positive COVID-19 case, the worker will be required to undergo the 14-day quarantine isolation period.</p>				
Construction Camps/Contractor Laydown Area/Workers Camp – Design	<p>If workers accommodation is required, the Contractor is required to provide its own camp facilities to accommodate the personnel and in accordance with WB's Managing the Risks of Adverse Impacts on Communities from Temporary Project Induced Labour Influx.</p> <p>The Contractor shall prepare a Workers' Camp Management Plan (WCMS) that prescribes minimum environmental requirements to ensure that the operation of the workers' camp will not harm the environment or the community.</p> <p>Throughout the construction and operation of workers camp, the Contractor will be fully responsible for carrying out the job in an environmentally and socially appropriate manner. Furthermore, the Contractor shall comply with the requirements outlined in ESMP.</p> <p>The Construction Camp (Contractor Laydown Areas):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It must be constructed on a solid surface and located to not cause disturbance to adjacent land and landowners.</li> <li>• Must not be located with floodplains, coastal hazards, and landslip-prone areas and shall have a minimal adverse environmental effect.</li> <li>• Must have the minimum requirements regarding facilities and maintenance.</li> </ul>	Construction Camp/office site locations	Minimal (part of standard construction practice)	Contractors	Supervision Engineer  MCA
Damage to assets and infrastructure	Maintain a high standard of site supervision and vehicle and plant operation to reduce the risks of damage to water, power, and telecommunication lines.	All locations (particularly identified sensitive receptors for	Dependent on asset/ infrastructure and level of damage	Contractors	Supervision Engineer / SIRAP2 PST



POTENTIAL NEGATIVE IMPACT	ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL MITIGATION MEASURES	IMPLEMENTING LOCATION	ESTIMATED MITIGATION COSTS <sup>39</sup>	EXECUTING AGENCY	SUPERVISING AGENCY
Local business grievances	<p>Ensure that local businesses are included in the public consultation and disclosure communication process throughout the construction phase. Regular communication should be made with affected parties to ensure that they are fully aware of the proposed program of works and the GRM.</p> <p>Signage should be used in public areas around the vicinity of works advising the complaints procedure and contact details of key project individuals responsible for responding to issues raised.</p>	Roadside	Minimal (part of standard construction practice)	Supervision Engineer Contractor	SIRAP2 PST Supervision Engineer
<b>OPERATION STAGE</b>					
Construction Camp/Contractor Laydown Areas	Construction camps must be removed when construction is complete, and the land restored to its pre-construction condition.	Construction Camp/Contractor Laydown Areas/Office Site Locations	No marginal cost (standard operating procedure)	Contractor	Supervision Engineer
Drainage Maintenance	<p>Ensure drains are cleared of sediment and detritus build-up on a regular basis and after significant rain events</p> <p>Ensure that vegetation is cleared from drains</p>	Drainage along the resealed section	Additional to Project Costs	MCA Lata Office	MCA HQ
Oil or Fuel contaminating surface water, groundwater, or marine water environments causing degradation of soil, surface water, and marine receptors.	<p>Fueling of aircraft must be done at approved areas such as the apron.</p> <p>A spill kit must be available on-site to clean spills or leaks immediately. The kit should include oil/fuel remediation agents, oil pads, oil booms, and geofabric clothes.</p>	Runway or Fueling Area	No marginal cost (standard operating procedure)	MCA Lata Office	MCA HQ
Inspection and maintenance of assets.	<p>Regular or routine inspections are required.</p> <p>Defects must be reported immediately.</p> <p>Ensure that this has no negative impact on the adjacent coastal environment.</p> <p>Ensure materials for repair and maintenance meet the required and approved quality. Where fill is required but not available it must be tested in accordance with geotechnical specifications.</p>	Sea wall and Runway.	No marginal cost (standard operating procedure)	MCA Lata Office	MCA HQ

## 7.2 Supplementary Management Processes

### 7.2.1 Land Tenure, Access and Acquisition

Most land (86%) in the Solomon Islands is still held under customary tenure, where every member of a landholding entity, such as tribal, clan, or family, is vested with the rights to use and access it. Non-owners usually have limited rights such as right of use, easement, or right of way. Because there is no system that allows customary land to be surveyed and registered, it is often very difficult for outsiders to identify land boundaries and to identify who 'owns' the customary land.

The Commissioner of Lands has the power to administer public lands and allocate interests to others. Once land is registered, the estate title owner has indefeasibility, except for overriding public interest or when the High Court issues an order to set aside the registration because of fraud or mistake. Under the Land and Titles Act 2014, the Commissioner of Lands discretionary power can only be exercised subject to directions of the Land Board.

Under the MID-CPIU Safeguards Procedures Manual for National Transport Plan (NTP)<sup>42</sup> For projects in the Solomon Islands, approved procedures for land access, easement, and acquisition have already been established following consultation with stakeholders and communities.

It is not expected that any land outside the airfield lease boundary will be required (subject to lease boundary confirmation and lease status verification). However, should private land need to be secured for any temporary work sites, these procedures will be directly applicable.

This process, viewed through the ESF lens, should be implemented for the Project as they are already approved by and familiar to the communities:

**Laydown sites and stockpile sites:** for these activities, there is no land acquisition; the project requires only temporary access to land. This land is used to park equipment and to position construction materials such as gravel. The procedure for these lands is as follows:

1. The SIRAP2 National Safeguard Specialist (NSS) identifies the landowners, the boundaries of their properties, and non-land assets that can be affected by the project. The NSS produces a scoping report that lists the owners, marks out the boundaries of the land in a sketch map, and lists down non-land assets that may be removed during civil works.
2. The communities are consulted (by the NSS) to seek agreement on the scoping report and to verify that correct landowners and boundaries have been identified.
3. MCA, PST, and customary landowners signed an MCA-approved Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for voluntary land access with no cash compensation. This is usually done before the Contractor is mobilized.

**Construction Material:** for this activity, there is no land acquisition; the project requires only temporary access to land. The procedure for these lands is as follows:

1. The NSS identifies the landowners, the boundaries of their properties, and non-land assets that can be affected by the project. The NSS produces a scoping report that lists the owners, marks out the boundaries of the land in a sketch map, and lists down non-land assets that may be removed during civil work.
2. The communities are consulted to seek agreement on the scoping report and to verify that correct landowners and boundaries have been identified.

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<sup>42</sup> Ministry of Infrastructure Development Safeguards Procedures Manual

3. The contractor (with support from NSS) enters negotiations with the landowners for access to materials.
4. Contractor and customary landowners sign an MCA approved Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

**Land Acquisition:** There will be no permanent land acquisition or resettlement for the Santa Cruz airport upgrade.

### 7.2.2 Occupational Health and Safety (OHS)

During construction and operation health and safety is to be managed through a Site Specific OHS Plan and application of:

- WB ESS 2 – Labour and Working Conditions Section D (OHS)
- IFC Environmental, Health and Safety Guidelines (EHS): General Section 2 (OHS)
- Safety at Work Act
- SIRAP2 Labour Management Procedure (LMP)

Required measures for the management of OHS include:

- a) Identification of potential hazards to project workers, particularly those that may be life-threatening.
- b) Provision of preventative and protective measures, including modification, substitution, or elimination of hazardous conditions or substances
- c) Training of project workers and maintenance of training records
- d) Documentation and reporting of occupational accidents, diseases and incidents
- e) Emergency prevention and preparedness and response arrangements to emergency situations
- f) Remedies for adverse impacts such as occupational injuries, deaths, disability, and disease.

To support the development of the OHS Plan, SIRAP2 has a Labour Management Procedure (LMP), which sets out the required OHS measures for this project in compliance with the WB ESS 2(Labour and Working Conditions) and national legislation.

The Contractor will develop an OHS Management Plan for the works to establish and maintain a safe working environment, including that workplaces, machinery, equipment, and processes under their control are safe and without risk to health, including by using appropriate measures relating to chemical, physical, and biological substances and agents.

The Contractor will proactively ensure that all workers are trained in the OHS risks and how to manage them. The OHS Management Plan will include how the Contractor will train the workers on OHS requirements.

The Contractor shall ensure that all workers on the site have appropriate PPE of an appropriate standard, including (i) impact-resistant safety eyewear; (ii) safety footwear with steel toe, sole, and heel; (iii) high visibility clothing; (iv) long sleeves and long pants suitable for the operating environment; (v) safety helmet with the provision of sun protection as necessary; (vi) gloves (carried and worn when manual handling); (vii) hearing protection when working in close proximity to noisy equipment and in all underground environments. For site visitors, the above equipment will be supplied as appropriate based on assessed risks and depending on number of visitors and where they will be on site.

The LMP contains the requirement for a Workers' GRM. The Contractor will implement this GRM to ensure that a workers' GRM is in place, easily accessible, and well-advertised to enable the workers to

report situations they believe are not safe or healthy and to remove themselves from a work situation that they have reasonable justification to believe presents an imminent and danger to their life or health.

The Contractor will provide workers with facilities including access to canteen or catering, bathrooms (and shower blocks for any workers camps), and appropriate rest areas.

For any workers' accommodation, a policy will be put in place and implemented on the management quality of accommodation to protect and promote the health, safety, and well-being of the project workers and to provide access to or provision of services that accommodate their physical, social, and cultural needs.

The contractor will establish a system for regularly reviewing OHS performance and the working environment.

The contractor's OHS Management Plan should incorporate all aspects of the project, including the airport site, quarries, and transport routes.

The Contractor shall appoint a certified Safety Officer at the Site, with qualifications acceptable to the Supervision Engineer, responsible for maintaining safety and protection against accidents. This person shall have the authority to issue instructions and take protective measures to prevent accidents. Throughout the execution of the Works, the Contractor shall provide whatever is required by this person to exercise this responsibility and authority.

Civil works shall not commence until the Supervision Engineer has approved the OHS Management Plan, the Safety Officer is mobilized and on-site, and the staff has undergone induction training.

The following are the contractual requirements for OHS as stipulated in the bidding documents:

Health and Safety: Funding for Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) training and activities is provided in the bill of quantity as a provisional sum. The Contractor's costs shall be financed from this on proof of record (e.g. time sheets, material invoices, etc.) for the following:

- Recruitment of providers for delivery of HIV/AIDS education training.
- Recruitment of providers for delivery of gender-based violence (GBV), human trafficking, and child abuse and exploitation (CAE) training.
- Expenses related to HIV/AIDS, GBV, human trafficking, and CAE training
- Provision of Safety Officer when acting in the role of Safety Officer
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for all workers on the site, and visitors as appropriate
- Safety signage, safety literature, HIV/AIDS literature, condoms, voluntary counseling and testing, GBV literature, CAE literature, etc.
- Alcohol testing of staff to enforce a zero-alcohol tolerance policy
- Labor costs for attending: (i) dedicated safety training such as working at heights, confined space training, first aid training etc.; (ii) HIV/AIDS education training; (iii) gender-based violence (GBV) training; and (iv) CAE training. The contractor shall make staff available for initial training of 1.5 days and a total of at least 0.5 days per month for other such formal training.

The Contractor shall at all times take all reasonable precautions to maintain the health and safety of the Contractor's Personnel. In collaboration with local health authorities, the Contractor shall ensure that first aid facilities and sick bays are always available at the Site, including always having a site

vehicle available that can be used to transport Contractor's and Employer's Personnel to medical facilities. The Contractor shall ensure that suitable arrangements are made for all necessary welfare and hygiene requirements and for the prevention of epidemics.

The Contractor shall send, to the Supervision Engineer, details of any accident or incident within 24 hours.

In addition, within 5 working days of the end of the calendar month, the Contractor will be required to report to the Supervision Engineer on their performance with the following OHS indicators:

- Number of fatal injuries (resulting in the loss of life of someone associated with the project or the public)
- Number of notifiable injuries (an incident that requires notification of statutory authority under health and safety legislation or the contractor's health and safety management system)
- Number of lost time injuries (an injury or illness certified by a medical practitioner that results in absence of work for at least one scheduled day or shift, following the day or shift when the accident occurred)
- Number of medical treatment injuries (the management and care of a patient to effect medical treatment or combat disease and disorder excluding: (i) visits solely for the purposes of observation or counseling; (ii) diagnostic procedures (e.g. x-rays, blood tests); or (iii) first aid treatments as described below)
- Number of first aid injuries (minor treatments administered by a nurse or a trained first aid attendant)
- Number of recordable strikes of services (contact with an above-ground or below-ground service resulting in damage or potential damage to the service)
- Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate (the number of allowed lost time injury and illness claims per 100 full-time equivalent workers for the injury year specified)
- Total Recorded Frequency Rate (the number of recordable injuries [recordable/lost time/fatal] per 100 full-time equivalent workers for the injury year specified)

The monthly reports should also include:

- Number of alcohol tests
- Proportion of positive alcohol tests
- Number of site health and safety audits conducted by the contractor
- Number of safety briefings
- Near number of misses
- Number of traffic management inspections
- Number of sub-contractor reviews
- Number of stop-work actions
- Number of positive reinforcements
- For each fatality, injury, or near-miss incident, the Contractor shall provide a corrective action report within the monthly report detailing steps taken to ensure risks of a repeat incident are minimized.



### 7.2.3 Gender-Based Violence, Human Trafficking, Sexual Exploitation, and Abuse

As required in the bid documents and following the requirements of the SIRAP GBV Action Plan, the Contractor will implement the SIRAP2 Codes of Conduct and Action Plan to Prevent Gender-Based Violence, Human Trafficking, as well as Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (Appendix D). The Codes of Conduct aim to prevent and/or mitigate the risks of GBV, Human Trafficking, and SEA within the context of the works. These Codes of Conduct are to be adopted by the civil works contractors, as well as supervision consultants.

The Supervision Engineer shall provide the Contractor with a list of approved service providers, which shall include recognized NGOs and others, for conducting GBV training. From the provided list, the Contractor shall enter into an agreement with one service provider to undertake the GBV IEC campaign. The cost of the campaign shall be funded by the Contractor from the provisional sum provided in the bill of quantity.

### 7.2.4 Covid-19

Guidance for World Bank Projects for Covid-19 states that to prioritize and look after the well-being of their employees and to monitor and follow local and national health authority guidance. All SIRAP2 works will consider the COVID-19 global pandemic protection measures and will follow the WBG guidance note on COVID-19<sup>43</sup> in conjunction with national health authority guidelines for all parties involved during the project phase. The Guideline provides information on COVID-19 symptoms, use of face coverings, COVID-19 testing, social distancing etc. The WBG guideline should be utilized in conjunction with the national health guidelines on COVID-19.

## 7.3 Contractors ESMP

The Contractor is required to prepare a Contractor's Environmental and Social Management Plan (CESMP) for the Works, which shall be in line with this ESMP and the technical specifications of the bid documents. The Contractor **shall not commence any Permanent Works** under the Contract prior to receipt in writing from the Engineer that the CESMP has been reviewed and approved by the Client and the World Bank. The approved CESMP shall become an integral part of the Contract documentation.

The CESMP will be the contractor's guide for the implementation of this ESMP. During work, the CESMP will be reviewed and approved based on the requirements of the ESMP and will be their management plan for the practical implementation of these requirements. The CESMP will contain the contractor's methodology and plan for adhering to their safeguard requirements. Additionally, the CESMP will detail how the Contractor plans to resource their team with personnel and financial resources as per the Contract. The Contractor will include sufficient provision in their Bill of Quantities (BOQ) to ensure that the CESMP can be developed, implemented, and monitored by their Safeguard Specialist. As this role will be key personnel within the bid document, the Contractor is obliged to ensure that their BOQ item is sufficient for this person to carry out their duties as required in this ESMP and the contract.

The CESMP and associated sub-management plans will be developed, approved, and disclosed before the commencement of civil works. The bid documents will require that the CESMP be developed by the Contractors Safeguard Specialist, and after internal review and approval, it will be subject to approval from the Supervision Engineer, who will coordinate a review with the PST Safeguard Specialists. Once the CESMP has been approved, it will be disclosed by the Contractor and the PST using the same methods as required for the ESMP disclosure.

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<sup>43</sup> <http://pubdocs.worldbank.org/en/324831581700447537/COVID-19-Guidance-for-Contractors-CO-Final.pdf>

The CESMP must use the items listed to be consistent with and respond to the ESMP and bid document, the conditions of permits, and approvals from the relevant ministry departments. The document should reflect contemporary good practice, be balanced, objective, and concise, and be written in a way that is easily understood by other parties. All commitments must be specific and auditable with measurable outcomes and clear timeframes. The CESMP must cover all activities within the project's area of influence. The area of influence includes active worksites, laydown areas, construction camps, haul routes, production facilities (concrete, asphalt, etc.), and materials sources.

**DECLARATION AND DOCUMENT VERSION CONTROL:** person accepting responsibility for the environmental management plan – signed declaration; the document version control should be a simple system that ensures that details of all key changes to the document over time are properly recorded.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** CESMP should provide a summary of the project as this provides context for the plan. The location of all works should be summarized with a clear definition of the work's area of influence. This will also include a description of the work, work methods, and details of temporary facilities at the contractor's camp and laydown area, as well as activities specific to these areas. Basic and relevant information on the environment at these locations should be summarized from the ESMF included, as this helps provide the environmental context to which the CESMP applies. A schedule of intended commencement and completion dates should be provided. Projects undertaken in stages should identify each stage in the schedule.

**OBJECTIVES:** The plan's environmental outcomes should be defined and tailored to the environmental issues outlined in the CESMP.

**ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL MANAGEMENT ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:** The CESMP should define the roles and responsibilities of personnel in charge of the environmental management of the project to reflect the requirements in the ESMP. The roles and responsibilities of each relevant position should be documented, including the responsibilities of subcontractors. The names of the responsible personnel do not need to be included. Identification of the position titles, roles and responsibilities is sufficient. If the roles and responsibilities are expected to change over time the long-term variations should also be documented.

**REPORTING:** The description of reporting requirements should include a list of required reports, including where appropriate monitoring, environmental incidents, non-compliance, corrective action, and auditing; a description of the standard report content; the schedule or triggers for preparing a report; who the report is provided to; and document control procedures.

**ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL SAFEGUARDS TRAINING:** All people involved with the project should receive relevant environmental training to ensure they understand their responsibilities when implementing the CESMP. People to be trained include those at the site/s of all project activities and operations, including contractors, subcontractors and visitors. The training should be tailored to the role of the individual in the project. The CESMP will include a list of the training needed and the plan for undertaking this training. The CESMP will also identify the resources to conduct this training (internal/external).

**EMERGENCY CONTACTS AND PROCEDURES:** The CESMP should identify the key emergency contacts responsible for managing environmental emergencies associated with the project and their contact details. These personnel should have the power to stop and direct work so that they can manage emergencies effectively. In addition, the plan should establish procedures for managing environmental emergencies and ensure that those procedures are implemented and maintained.

**POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACTS:** The potential impacts section of the CESMP should include a tabulated summary of any relevant information previously provided by the ESMP. It should also identify the km marker/chainage of the identified (and any additional) sensitive receptors. This section should define impacts from relevant stages of the contractor work and reflect the relevant conditions of approval.

**MANAGEMENT MEASURES:** The CESMP should clearly state how the potential impacts of the works will be specifically managed based on the content of the ESMP and the measures that the contractor will undertake to implement these mitigations. CESMP will propose management measures on the issues identified and will identify the cost involved and the party responsible for the management measures.

**MONITORING PLAN:** The CESMP must detail how the CESMP will be monitored and should include a weekly monitoring checklist. An example monitoring checklist is provided in Appendix C as a guide. The monitoring plan will include what is to be monitored, how it will be monitored, the parameters (standards) that it will be monitored against, who will monitor it, where it will be monitored, and the cost of the monitoring plan.

**AUDIT AND REVIEW:** *Environmental auditing:* The environmental management plan should include the schedule or triggers for auditing the implementation and effectiveness of the plan. It should address both internal and external audit requirements, including who is responsible for undertaking the audits and reporting the results. *CESMP review:* The CESMP should specify the schedule or triggers for reviews of the plan.

**CESMP PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION:** The CESMP must ensure that the person taking the action takes full responsibility for the content and commitments contained in the plan. The CESMP must be prepared and implemented by a qualified environmental practitioner (Environmental Representative) with at least 10 years of experience. Field audits of CESMP implementation must be undertaken on at least a monthly basis by the Environmental Representative with associated audit reports certified and submitted to the Engineer.

**CESMP COMPLIANCE:** Identify the internal procedure that the Contractor will follow when non-compliance has been identified during the daily monitoring. The procedure will include notification responsibilities, rectification timeframe, and reporting obligations. The procedure will also cover the process the Contractor will follow when the Supervision Engineer reports non-compliance. The procedure will also identify how the Contractor will action any disciplinary or training requirements following the non-compliance.

**CESMP REVIEW AND AMENDMENT:** The CESMP must be reviewed, updated, and resubmitted to the Engineer for approval in response to an anticipated change of circumstances before any changes are permitted at the work sites. These circumstances include substantial design changes with environmental or social implications, changes to specific approved plans, new activities not contemplated in the Project ESMP, or additions to the Project's area of influence. No changes will be made to the Project or the project areas until it has either been confirmed by the Supervision Engineer that an update to the CESMP is not needed, or the update has been made and approved by the Supervision Engineer. The CESMP must also be updated where it is deemed that the mitigation measures are not adequate to mitigate the environmental and social risks.

**CESMP MANAGEMENT SUB-PLANS:** The Contractor is required to produce the management plans stipulated in this ESMP as part of their CESMP. These management plans are referred to throughout the ESMP. In addition to these management plans to be a requirement for the CESMP, they will also be required as part of the tendering process to demonstrate that the Contractor has started to consider these environmental and social impacts and has the capacity within their team to plan their safeguard management strategies.



## 8 COMPLIANCE AND MONITORING PLAN

### 8.1 Monitoring Plan

The Monitoring Table identifies the environmental and social monitoring requirements to ensure that all the mitigation measures identified in this ESMP are implemented effectively.

Non-compliance with environmental and social mitigation measures identified through routine monitoring will be advised to the Contractor(s) in writing by the Supervision Engineer in the first instance. The non-compliance notification will identify the problem, including the actions the Contractor needs to take and a time frame for implementing the corrective action. Recurring instances of non-compliance will be referred to SIRAP2 PST for follow-up action.

### 8.2 Monitoring Table

Refer to the next pages.

**Table 8: Monitoring and compliance table**

PARAMETER TO MONITOR	LOCATION	MONITORING	FREQUENCY	MONITORING RESPONSIBILITY
<b>DETAILED DESIGN/ PRE-CONSTRUCTION PHASE</b>				
Traffic safety	CESMP documents	Ensure that an approved TMP is established for the project. TMP includes all requirements of ESMF and ESMP	Prior to commencing civil works	Supervision Engineer
Development Consents & Permits	CESMP Document	Development Consent, permits and consent conditions are included in the CESMP	Prior to approval of CESMP	Supervision Engineer
CESMP approved	CESMP Documents	Ensure the Contractor has produced a CESMP to the appropriate standard and this has been reviewed and cleared by WB and SIRAP2 PST	Prior to commencing civil works	Supervision Engineer
ESMP updated, reviewed and approved based on detailed engineer report and identified data needs in this ESMP	Design Documents	Update ESMP reviewed and disclosed	Prior to approval of detailed design	SIRAP2 PST
OHS Plan	Design documents	Ensure the OHS Management Plan is established for the project as per requirements of ESMP (Section 7.2.2) and SIRAP2 LMP.  Worker GRM established and advertised	Prior to commencing civil works	Supervision Engineer
Soil erosion	CESMP documents	Ensure the Contingency Plan is completed and approved—storm event management and soil erosion prevention measures to be included.	Prior to signing off of final designs	Design Consultant
Solid and hazardous waste	CESMP documents	Approved Solid Waste Management Plan in place. Waste segregation and collection at workers' camps and laydown areas are established and well-signed.  Waste segregation and collection storage arrangements in place and compliant with approved SWMP.	Prior to commencing civil works	Supervision Engineer

PARAMETER TO MONITOR	LOCATION	MONITORING	FREQUENCY	MONITORING RESPONSIBILITY
Community Health and Safety	CESMP documents	HIV/GBV/Code of Conduct training and acknowledgements have been completed as per contractual requirements. Medical clearance certificates provided for all foreign workers. GRM process was available for public inspection. Worker and Labour Influx Management Plan contains all elements and has been approved by the Supervision Engineer and SIRAP2 PST.	Prior to commencing civil works	Supervision Engineer
Soil and Water pollution	CESMP documents	Appropriate spill control and response plan in place. Staffs are trained on spill control and response plan. Overland drainage diverts water flow away from exposed areas. Sediment-laden runoff from excavations or stockpiles directed to a settling area. Discharges of treated wash water are to occur to land.	Prior to commencing civil works	Supervision Engineer
Water supply	CESMP documents	Suggested water source and supply network to be included in designs	Prior to commencing civil works	Supervision Engineer
Ground water quality	Laydown sites	Ground water quality monitoring for project baseline. The parameters include pH, electrical conductivity, total petroleum hydrocarbons (for potential petroleum contamination), and total nitrogen (for potential sewage contamination), or as agreed with ECD and the SIRAP2 NSS	Prior to establishment of laydown site and asphalt plan	Supervision Engineer
Storm water management	CESMP documents	Proposed storm water management / drainage design (e.g. use of oil-water separator) to consider impacts on hydrology, receiving environments and also contamination risk	Prior to commencing civil works	Supervision Engineer

PARAMETER TO MONITOR	LOCATION	MONITORING	FREQUENCY	MONITORING RESPONSIBILITY
Quarry operations	Quarry	Upon confirmation of which quarries are to supply aggregate, verify quarry operations to ensure any required permits or approvals are in place. Ensure correct resources and landowners have signed an acceptable agreement for extraction and/or land access.	Prior to commencing civil works	Supervision Engineer



<p>Laydown Sites, Crushing Plant and Stockpile Area</p>	<p>CESMP documents</p>	<p>Approved and signed rental agreements should be submitted to SIRAP2 PST (if relevant)</p> <p>Laydown and stockpile sites are at least 150m from waterways and 300m from any residential settlements.</p> <p>Laydown areas are established on pre-approved sites as per CESMP.</p> <p>Water runoff management systems in place to approved standard as per CESMP.</p> <p>Washdown areas have collection and treatment systems.</p> <p>The sanitation treatment system is in place as per CESMP.</p> <p>No runoff from laydown or stockpile sites is directed to waterways, CCAs, or coastlines.</p> <p>A bunded secure storage area for the hazardous substance is established as per CESMP.</p> <p>Bitumen is stored on the hardstand at laydown sites.</p> <p>Hardstand areas are at least 150 from any CCA and any waterway.</p> <p>The crushing plant is a wet crusher.</p> <p>The crushing plant is screened either by the quarry or by screening vegetation to minimize noise disturbance.</p>	<p>Prior to commencing civil works</p>	<p>Supervision Engineer</p>
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PARAMETER TO MONITOR	LOCATION	MONITORING	FREQUENCY	MONITORING RESPONSIBILITY
		Water for crushing plant is sourced under permit.		
Concrete Production	CESMP documents	Settlement tanks/ponds and diversion drains are in place as per CESMP.  Designated washdowns are established in the bunded impermeable area with no permeation to ground permitted.	Prior to commencing civil works	Supervision Engineer
Importation of equipment and materials	Importation permits	Approval to import material and equipment is given prior to material and equipment leaving country of origin.  Ensure bio-secure stockpile site it established with SIG Biosecurity Department	Contractor to organize prior to export from country of origin.	Supervision Engineer
<b>CONSTRUCTION PHASE</b>				
General	CESMP documents	The contractor is undertaking weekly monitoring and reporting using a monitoring form approved by the Supervision Engineer in CESMP.  Community consultation is ongoing as per the ESMP.  The supervision engineer undertakes weekly monitoring and reporting.	Prior to commencing civil works  Weekly	Supervision Engineer  SIRAP2 PST Project Manager
Implementation of SEP and LMP	Construction Contractors Records	As defined in the SEP and LMP	Monthly	Supervision Engineers SIRAP2 PST NSS
Solid and hazardous waste and Agreement for waste disposal	Construction Contractor's records	Approved Solid Waste Management Plan effectively implemented.	Documentation viewed prior to construction works starting Weekly as applicable to schedule of works.	Supervision Engineer

PARAMETER TO MONITOR	LOCATION	MONITORING	FREQUENCY	MONITORING RESPONSIBILITY
		<p>Waste collection at the laydown area is secure, well-signed, and clean.</p> <p>Hazardous waste is stored according to SWMP.</p> <p>Good housekeeping around project sites and workers' accommodation.</p> <p>All waste is disposed of offshore. Contaminants of Concern (COC) documentation is in place and reviewed.</p> <p>Permits and/or agreements with local waste disposal providers and licensed recycling operators.</p> <p>Inspection of disposal sites.</p>		
Community infrastructure, health, and safety	At construction sites	<p>The approved Traffic Management Plan is under effective implementation.</p> <p>Public signage of complaints procedure.</p> <p>Signs and fences restrict or direct pedestrians and the public where appropriate.</p> <p>No damage to public or community infrastructure.</p> <p>Dust suppression is effective.</p> <p>Noise is within permitted limits.</p> <p>Required signage is in place.</p>	Prior to commencing civil works Weekly	Supervision Engineer

PARAMETER TO MONITOR	LOCATION	MONITORING	FREQUENCY	MONITORING RESPONSIBILITY
		No works will take place at night or on Sunday within 500m of communities unless a prior agreement has been sought from the community.		
Agreement for waste disposal	Contractor's records	Permits and/or agreements with local waste disposal providers and licensed recycling operators. Inspection of disposal sites.	Documentation viewed prior to construction works starting Weekly as applicable to schedule of works.	Supervision Engineer
Soil erosion	Areas of exposed soil and earth moving	Inspections at sites to ensure silt fences, diversion drains, etc., are constructed as needed. Inspections to ensure replanting and restoration work are completed.	Weekly inspection as applicable to schedule of works and after site restoration.	Supervision Engineer
Waste disposal	At construction and quarry sites	Inspection to ensure waste is not accumulating and evidence that waste has been stockpiled for removal to licensed landfill, removal from the Solomon Islands if required, recycling, or return to supplier.  Inspections to ensure waste streams are sorted for re-use, recycling or waste to landfill.	Weekly inspection as applicable to schedule of works and on receipt of any complaints.	Supervision Engineer
Water/Groundwater and soil pollution	At construction sites	Appropriate Spill Prevention and Response Management Plan/kit in place for the waste area.  No visible spills on soil or uncovered ground.  All drainage, water treatment, and soakage systems are clear and fit for purpose.  Division bunding around large areas of vegetation clearance.  Revegetation occurs once work has finished at sites.  Vehicles are working in defined areas.	Weekly inspection as applicable to schedule of works and on receipt of any complaints	Supervision Engineer

PARAMETER TO MONITOR	LOCATION	MONITORING	FREQUENCY	MONITORING RESPONSIBILITY
		<p>Workers' sanitation facilities are in good order and maintained as per design requirements.</p> <p>Heavy machinery is not used in times of heavy rain or when the ground is waterlogged.</p> <p>Ensure all storage tanks are self-bunded.</p> <p>Inspection of sites to ensure waste collection in defined areas; SPRMP in place and workers trained at all SIRAP2 locations. Complete spill kits available where hazardous substances sorted and handled.</p> <p>Any encounters with potentially or confirmed contaminated soil are reported to MCA and ECD.</p> <p>Inspect soakage pits siting directly above any underlying aquifer (if present).</p>		
		<p>Ground water monitoring is performed as per the parameters in ESMP. The parameters include pH, electrical conductivity, total petroleum hydrocarbons (for potential petroleum contamination), and total nitrogen (for potential sewage contamination), or as agreed with ECD and the SIRAP2 NSS.</p>	<p>Once midway through implementation and once prior to demobilization.</p>	<p>Supervision Engineer</p>
Dust	At construction sites, quarries and adjacent sensitive receptors	<p>Site inspections. Regular visual inspections to ensure stockpiles are covered when not in use and trucks transporting material are covered and not overloaded.</p>	<p>Weekly inspection as applicable to schedule of works and on receipt of any complaints.</p>	<p>Supervision Engineer</p>
Noise	At work sites	<p>Site inspections to ensure workers wearing appropriate PPE when required.</p> <p>Measurement of noise level (one-hour LAeg) at closest social receptors (residences) to active work sites, construction camps and lay down areas not to exceed 45dB between 2200-0700 or 3dBA above background.</p>	<p>Weekly inspection as applicable to schedule of works and on receipt of any complaints.</p>	<p>Supervision Engineer</p>

PARAMETER TO MONITOR	LOCATION	MONITORING	FREQUENCY	MONITORING RESPONSIBILITY
		<p>Public signage detailing complaints procedure and contact people/person on display.</p> <p>Noisy machinery is replaced or fixed as soon as a problem arises or on instruction by the Supervision Engineer.</p>		
Air pollution	At work sites	<p>Site inspections to ensure equipment and machinery operating without excessive emissions. If an issue is reported, the contractor is responsible for replacing or fixing the equipment to the satisfaction of the Supervision Engineer. Bitumen and asphalt process plants to be located away from the closest communities</p>	Weekly inspection as applicable to schedule of works and on receipt of any complaints.	Supervision Engineer
Occupational Health and Safety	At work sites	<p>No civil works can commence until OHS Management is approved.</p> <p>Approved OHS Management Plan being effectively implemented</p> <p>Workers have access to and are using appropriate, PPE for the task.</p> <p>All workers have undergone appropriate OHS training.</p> <p>Proper briefing of staff before undertaking work activities.</p> <p>Monthly OHS reporting being received from Contractor.</p>	Weekly inspection as applicable to the schedule of works and on receipt of any complaints.	Supervision Engineer

PARAMETER TO MONITOR	LOCATION	MONITORING	FREQUENCY	MONITORING RESPONSIBILITY
Storage of fuel, oil, hazardous substances, etc.	At work sites and construction camps. Contractor's training log.	Regular site inspections to ensure material is stored within the bunded area and spill response training for workers completed. Visual inspection of spill kit for completeness and accessibility. Checking that staff are trained on the use of spill kits.  No evidence of spills on the ground.  Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) are available at storage locations.	Weekly as applicable to the schedule of works and on receipt of any complaints.	Supervision Engineer
Vehicle and pedestrian safety	At and near work sites	Regular inspections to check that TMP is implemented correctly (e.g. flags and diversions in place) and workers wearing appropriate PPE.	Weekly inspection as applicable to schedule of works and on receipt of any complaints.	Supervision Engineer
Construction workers and staff safety (personal protective equipment)	At work sites	Inspections are done to ensure workers have access to and are wearing (when required) appropriate personnel protective equipment (e.g., for handling hazardous materials). Requirements in the ESMP, LMP, and OHS Management Plan were implemented.	Weekly inspection as applicable to schedule of works and on receipt of any complaints.	Supervision Engineer
Construction workers and staff safety briefings (GBV or any other community health and safety awareness)	At work sites	Community, Health, and safety awareness briefs, including GBV and good hygiene.	Weekly team meetings as applicable to schedule of works and on receipt of any complaints	Supervision Engineer
Community / local business safety	At work sites	Inspections are needed to ensure signs and fences restricting access are in place, and pedestrian diversion routes are clearly marked (whether for access to a building or home or a particular route).	Weekly inspection as applicable to schedule of works and on receipt of any complaints.	Supervision Engineer
Community grievances	At all locations	Monitor the GRM database for the number and type of grievances and the average number of days to resolve a grievance.	Weekly	MCA PST

PARAMETER TO MONITOR	LOCATION	MONITORING	FREQUENCY	MONITORING RESPONSIBILITY
Local business grievances	At and near work sites	Monitor the GRM database for the number and type of grievances and the average number of days to resolve a grievance.	Weekly	At and near work sites
Laydown Areas and Stockpile Sites	CESMP documents	<p>Laydown areas are established on pre-approved sites.</p> <p>Laydown areas dust levels managed efficiently.</p> <p>Traffic management plan correctly implemented at laydown site.</p> <p>Water runoff management systems are operating correctly.</p> <p>Dust management was effectively implemented.</p> <p>PPE is present and correctly used.</p> <p>Refueling occurs over drip trays in dedicated areas.</p> <p>No stockpiling within 150m of waterways.</p> <p>Bunding is functional at the stockpile site.</p>	<p>Prior to commencing civil works</p> <p>Weekly</p>	Supervision Engineer
Extraction of Aggregates	CESMP documents	<p>QMP is being effectively implemented.</p> <p>Daily records of extracted volumes are available for inspection.</p> <p>No gravel is being extracted from running water channels.</p> <p>Gravel is only being extracted from a predetermined area.</p>	<p>Prior to commencing civil works</p> <p>Weekly</p>	Supervision Engineer



PARAMETER TO MONITOR	LOCATION	MONITORING	FREQUENCY	MONITORING RESPONSIBILITY
		Machinery only works in defined areas approved in CESMP.		
Workers Accommodation (if applicable)	(if CESMP documents	<p>The camp is clean and tidy.</p> <p>Waste management is as per the Solid Waste Management Plan.</p> <p>Food supplies are sufficient.</p> <p>Workers Management Plan is effectively implemented.</p> <p>First Aid kit is fully stocked and readily available.</p>	<p>Prior to commencing civil works</p> <p>Weekly</p>	Supervision Engineer
Community grievances	At all locations	Monitor the GRM database for the number and type of grievances and the average number of days it takes to resolve a grievance.	Weekly	MCA
Materials supply	Quarry and work sites	Evidence that trucks are not overloaded, and loads are covered, e.g., complaints register, evidence of debris on the road.	Weekly visual inspection as applicable to schedule of works and on receipt of any complaints.	Supervision Engineer
<b>OPERATION (Recommended for Consideration by MCA)</b>				
Drainage system operational	Roadside	Inspection and clean out of open channel drainage.	After significant rain events and 6 monthly to remove sediment.	MCA
Decommission and Rehabilitation of the laydown site	Laydown	All stockpiles have been removed from the laydown area and the site rehabilitated and revegetated	After completion of construction	MCA

<b>PARAMETER TO MONITOR</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>MONITORING</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>MONITORING RESPONSIBILITY</b>
Road infrastructure functional	Roads	Inspect all newly installed road infrastructure for functionality.	After completion of construction	MCA

### 8.3 Monitoring Plan Reporting

Throughout the construction period, the Supervision Engineer will include the results of their weekly ESMP monitoring, along with the details of any incidents reported by the Contractor, in a monthly report for submission to the SIRAP2 PST is responsible for submitting these monthly progress reports to the World Bank and MCA. The format of the monthly report should be agreed upon with all agencies but it is recommended to include the following aspects:

- Description and results of ESMP monitoring activities undertaken during the month
- Status of implementation of relevant environmental and social mitigation measures pertaining to the works
- Key environmental problems or social issues encountered, and actions taken to rectify problems
- Summary of non-compliance notifications issued to the Contractor during the month, actions taken and non-compliances closed out
- Summary of complaints received, actions taken, and complaints closed out
- Key environmental and social issues to be addressed in the coming month
- Training records along with gender and age disaggregated employment statistics
- Health and Safety Indicators
- Summary of consultation/stakeholder engagement undertaken
- Copies of ESMP inspection reports (including LMP requirements)
- Summary of reported incidents, actions taken, and recommendations for follow-up, and
- Before project implementation photos, midway of project implementation photos, and completion photos of works

A day-to-day contract diary is to be maintained pertaining to the administration of the contract, request forms and orders given to the Contractors, and any other information that may at a later date be of assistance in resolving queries that may arise concerning the execution of works. This day-to-day contract diary is to include any environmental events that may arise in the course of the day, including incidents and responses, complaints, and inspections completed.

There are monitoring requirements associated with this ESMP that are applicable once SIRAP2 has concluded, and normal airport operations have resumed. At this stage, there is no vehicle for continuing with safeguard monitoring during operations and it is recommended that this be incorporated into existing or new SIRAP2 processes. This ESMP should be updated to reflect the SIRAP2 environmental and social monitoring and reporting processes before the completion of the project.

SIRAP2 PSTs are responsible for quarterly progress reports to the WB. This quarterly progress report will include a section on safeguard compliance and issues. This section will cover (as a minimum):

- The overall compliance with the implementation of the ESMP.
- Any environmental or social issues arising because of project works and how these issues will be remedied or mitigated
- OHS performance
- Community consultation updates
- Public notification and communications
- Schedule for completion of project works, and
- Summary of any complaints received, actions taken and complaints closed out.

## 9 ESMP IMPLEMENTATION

The Recipient Representative is the MOFT. MCA will serve as the Implementing Agency for the aviation component. MCA will be responsible for signing contracts, monitoring implementation progress, and providing authorization for contract payments. MCA will also be responsible for signing contracts for activities benefitting the Civil Aviation Authority of Solomon Islands.

The Management Unit Steering Committee, comprised of representatives of different central and line agency members<sup>44</sup>, will provide overall oversight of Project implementation and the Project and PST and make Project strategic decisions. The SRIAP2 Steering Committee's key role will be to advise the SIG and respective Ministries on issues or concerns affecting project implementation and propose remedial actions accordingly.

### 9.1 Roles and Responsibilities

The following are the roles and responsibilities:

- **SRIAP2 PST:** The SRIAP2 PST reports to the Permanent Secretary of MCA and is responsible for the day-to-day project implementation on behalf of SIG. The PST:
  - Acts on behalf of the client and works closely with MCA and all contracted parties to ensure that SIRAP2 objectives are delivered in a compliant manner consistent with client and MCA requirements.
  - Conducting quarterly safeguard audits with the Supervision Engineer's environmental specialist and other staff
  - Responsible for working with MCA and Supervision Engineer (and contractors where appropriate for CESMP) to implement consultation plans for the SIRAP2 upgrade works.
  - Monitors and manages of complaints/incidents logged via the GRM mechanism on the SIRAP2 website.
  - During the construction phase, PST receives reports from the Supervision Engineer and shares these reports with the MCA and ECD (to comply with permit monitoring requirements).
  - PST is responsible for managing recurring instances of non-compliance by the contractor as the Supervision Engineer and all instances of non-compliance by the Supervision Engineer report them. PST will conduct their quarterly on-site audit of construction works to supervise CESMP and ESMP implementation.
- **Supervision Engineer:** is responsible for the day-to-day oversight of the construction works for the project, including safeguarding compliance. The Supervision Engineer is the only party contractually able to provide instruction to the Contractor. The Supervision Engineer will work closely with the Contractor daily to ensure that the works are implemented in a compliant manner consistent with the detailed designs provided and the ESMP. They are responsible for:
  - Daily monitoring of the contractor's work for compliance with the CESMP and ESMP and providing safeguard monitoring results in their monthly reporting to PST. As part of their CESMP monitoring responsibilities, the Supervision Engineer will ensure that an experienced full-time national safeguard specialist and a suitably qualified and experienced international safeguard specialist is resourced to provide at least

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<sup>44</sup> The PST Steering Committee is proposed to be comprised of the following Central Agency Members: (i) Secretary to the Prime Minister of the Office of the Prime Minister; (ii) Permanent Secretary (PS) Ministry of Finance and Treasury; (iii) PS Ministry of Infrastructure Development; (iv) PS Ministry of Civil Aviation; (v) PS Ministry of Development Planning and Aid Coordination; (vi) PS Ministry of Provincial Government and Institutional Strengthening; and, (vii) Director of CAASI.

quarterly site inspections to the site and available for support at other times to respond to incidents, non-compliances, review of CESMP, update of the ESMP and other tasks.

- Managing the review process of CESMPs for approval. The Supervision Engineer must ensure that all current safeguard instruments have been reviewed internally as well as by PST and WB and final approval from WB has been secured before disclosure.
- Updating the ESMP is necessary to reflect changes in the designs.
- Working with PST to provide meaningful input and direction into community consultations on the draft updated versions of the ESMP.
- Manage instances of noncompliance by the Contractor and report all instances to PST. They are also responsible for escalating recurring instances of noncompliance by the Contractor to PST for action.
- Managing and responding to all direct complaints/incidents received by their representatives as per the GRM process in Section 9.3 and reporting all instances to PST for inclusion into the statistical database.
- **Contractor:** It is the contractor's responsibility to:
  - Resource their team with an experienced and qualified full-time national safeguard specialist and an experienced and qualified international safeguards advisor who is resourced to make regular and ad hoc (as needed) site visits.
  - Allocate budget for implementing all requirements of the CESMP and employment of appropriate safeguard specialists.
  - Prepare and clear the CESMP by the Supervision Engineer in accordance with this ESMP.
  - Carry out the work in accordance with the CESMP.
  - Conduct daily and weekly safeguard inspections of the works to ensure compliance and report the results of these inspections to the Supervision Engineer.
  - Proactively update the CESMP as construction methodology or other features change.
  - Provide meaningful input and direction into community consultations on the draft CESMP.
  - Advise the Supervision Engineer of any changes to work or methods that are outside the scope of the ESMP for updating.
  - Post all notifications specified in this ESMP at the site entrance.
  - Report all environmental and OHS incidents to the Supervision Engineer for any action.

## 9.2 Institutional Capacity

### 9.2.1 Project Support Team

SIG has delegated the delivery and management of SIRAP2 to the PST, which has been resourced by personnel specifically tasked to manage project implementation. As such, the PST carries much of the institutional capacity required by the SIG to implement the project and to monitor the work for compliance. The PST has been resourced with an experienced National Safeguards Specialist who is responsible for monitoring compliance with the ESMP, World Bank policies, and Solomon Island legislation. The PST will also recruit an additional National Environmental and Social Specialist (NES)

based in Temotu Province. The SIRAP2 PST is also able to recruit an additional CLO for the Temotu Province if needed.

For any additional support in areas of expertise that PST may require, the SIRAP2 International Safeguards Specialist is tasked with either providing that support directly or assisting with any procurement of additional expertise or capacity that may be required.

### 9.2.2 Environment and Conversation Department

**Review process:** The ECD has the technical capacity within its department to review and assess PER submissions for DC; however, it is understaffed, which can delay the review process. It is advised that prior to the submission of the SIRAP2 PERs, the SIRAP2 PST liaises with the ECD to arrange an external reviewer funded by the proponent.

**Monitoring:** Consultations with the ECD have revealed that although the ECD has monitoring responsibilities for development consent issues, it often lacks the financial resources to monitor projects off Guadalcanal. The SIRAP2 National Safeguard Advisor should liaise with the ECD to ensure that the monitoring requirements are integrated with ESMP monitoring to support compliance with the development consents.

### 9.2.3 Civil Works

Other parties to this ESMP who have implementation or monitoring responsibilities (Supervision Engineer, Contractor) are required to be resourced with suitably experienced and qualified safeguards specialists.

The contractor and Supervision Engineer are responsible for ensuring that they allocate budget lines to purchase the necessary tools and equipment for the mitigation and monitoring measures stipulated in this ESMP.

A budget is being developed for the proposed training and capacity development activities relating to the prevention of HIV, GBV, Human Trafficking, and CAE. It will be included in updated versions of this ESMP prior to tender.

### 9.2.4 Training

The SIRAP2 PST shall undertake training for key stakeholders and project team members to ensure effective implementation and technical understanding of the ESMP requirements.

Areas recommended for training include the following:

- World Bank's ESF, in particular, those triggered and relevant to the Project
- Project responsibilities for GBV prevention and training
- Roles and responsibilities of different key agencies in safeguards implementation
- How to effectively integrate the ESMP into project management, implementation, monitoring, and reporting
- Management of the GRM
- How to facilitate meaningful community consultations
- Monitoring for ESMP compliance, and
- Safeguard reporting requirements.

SIRAP2 PST will supply updates and the status of training activities in their regular reports.

### 9.3 Grievance Redress Mechanism

During these proposed works, people may have concerns or grievances with the project's performance, which may include any aspect of the implementation, an activity, or a component of the project. Issues may occur during construction and again during operation. Any concerns will need to be addressed quickly and transparently and without retribution to the affected person (AP) or group of people involved.

Complaints can be made through different channels, such as traditional local practices (e.g., village chiefs), online, phone, in-person, the local GBV/Human Trafficking/CAE Service Provider, the manager(s), or the Police. Complaints should be able to be made in different ways, such as online, via telephone or mail, or in person. Anonymity should be ensured if the complainant so desires it, especially about GBV/Human Trafficking/CAE.

This GRM has been developed to satisfy both SI legislative and WB GRM requirements and is in line with the Country Safeguard Systems. If the GRM is needed, the following process should be used.

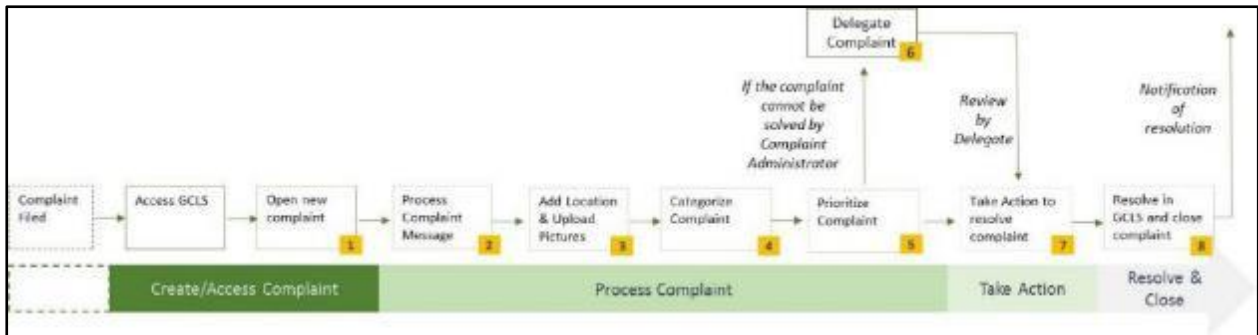
**Complaints:** Minor concerns or complaints that are given verbally to the Contractor or Supervision Engineer on site would be resolved by attempting to sort out the problem directly at the subproject level between the Contractor and the concerned individual or community.

Most complaints that arise during construction are expected to be minor complaints concerning dust or noise that should be able to be resolved quite quickly. All complaints arriving at the Contractors Site Office are to be forwarded to the Contractors community liaison personnel and entered into the complaints register that is maintained by the Contractor and kept at the site. Details recorded will include the date, name, contact address, and reason for the complaint. A duplicate copy is given to the AP for their record at the time of registering the complaint. The register will show when the issue is to be dealt with who has been directed to deal with the complaint, the date that the AP was informed of the decision, and how the decision was conveyed to the AP. The register is then signed off by the person who is responsible for the decision and dated.

If an immediate resolution is achieved and the complainant is satisfied, the matter will be recorded in the site diary, reported in the regular monthly report submitted, and considered closed.

**Grievances:** If the issue cannot be resolved at the complaint level, then it will be a grievance and will be addressed by being referred by the Contractor or Supervision Engineer to the National Safeguards Advisor within the SIRAP2 PST. The NSA will log it into the 'Grievance and Complaints Logging System' (GCLS) database for tracking and reporting on resolution. In accordance with the World Bank's 'Citizen Engagement' commitments under IDA 17, key indicators from the GRM are published online at the SIRAP2 project website.

All complaints must be acknowledged within 24hrs. The following procedure is followed to address complaints:



**Figure 40: Complaints Procedure**

If it is impossible to resolve the complaint, or the complainant is not satisfied with the resolution, the case may be first escalated to the Permanent Secretary (PS) of MCA, who will appoint a third-party arbitrator to form part of a GRM committee. If the AP is dissatisfied with the recommendation of the GRM Committee and subsequent determination from the PS of the MCA, the AP may appeal to the court. This will be at the AP's cost, but if the court shows that the PS has been negligent in making its determination, the AP will be able to seek costs.

**GCT:** The SIRAP2 Code of Conduct and Action Plan for the Prevention of GBV, Human Trafficking, and CAE detail the specific GRM processes and responsibilities. The project shall establish a 'GBV Compliance Team' (GCT). The GCT will include, as appropriate to the project, at least four representatives: the SIRAP2 PST National Safeguards Specialist, an appropriate Contractor representative, the Supervision Engineer, and a representative from the GBV/Human Trafficking/CAE service provider.

**WB Level Resolution:** In addition to the above project level GRM, communities and individuals who believe that they are adversely affected by a WB-supported project may submit complaints to the WB's Grievance Redress Service (GRS). The GRS ensures that complaints received are promptly reviewed to address project-related concerns.

Project-affected communities and individuals may submit their complaints to the WB's independent Inspection Panel, which determines whether harm occurred or could occur because of WB's non-compliance with its policies and procedures. Complaints may be submitted at any time after concerns have been brought directly to the WB's attention, and WB Management has been given an opportunity to respond.

For information on how to submit complaints to the World Bank's corporate GRS, please visit <http://www.worldbank.org/GRS>. For information on how to submit complaints to the World Bank Inspection Panel, please visit [www.inspectionpanel.org](http://www.inspectionpanel.org).



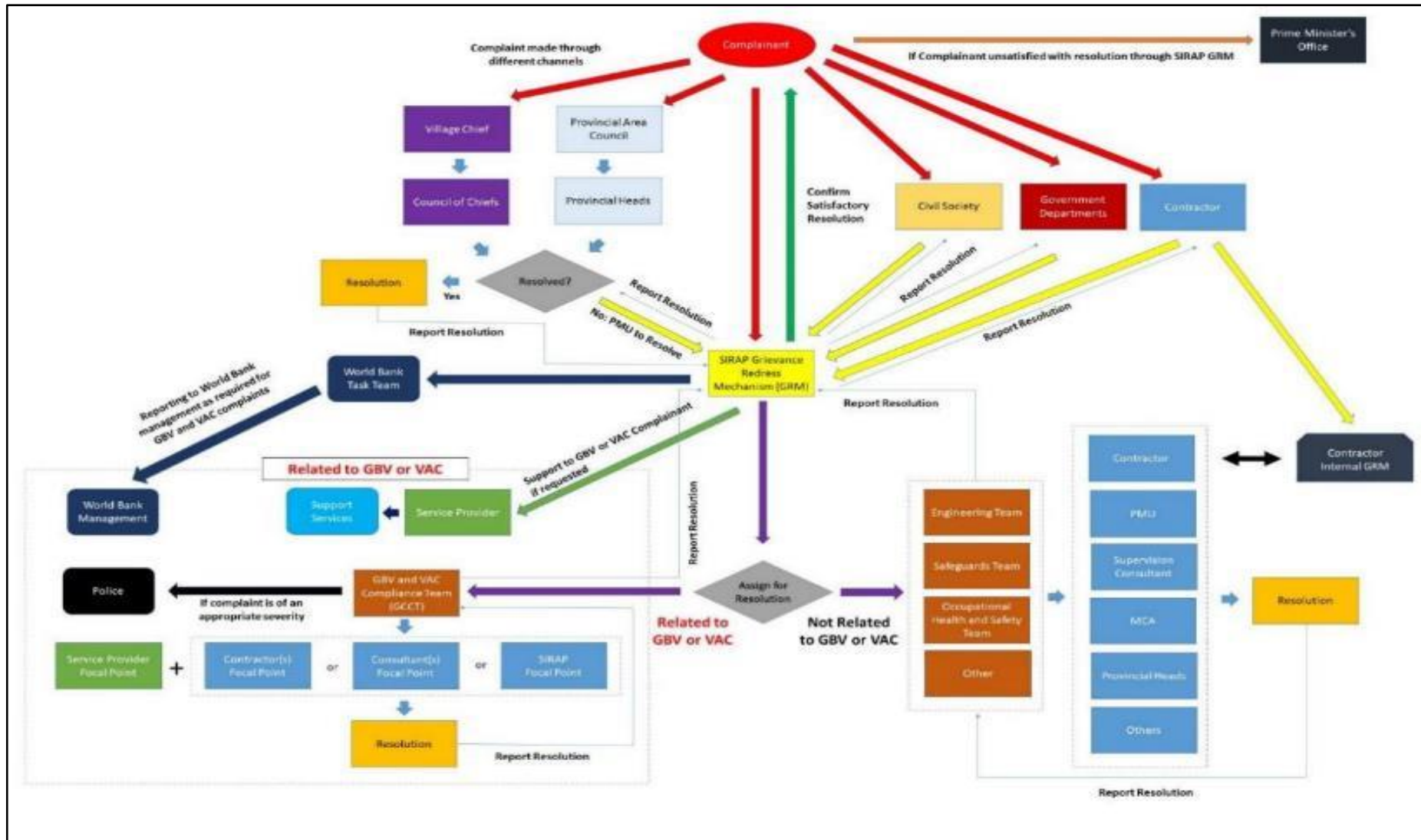


Figure 41: Flow chart for grievance management under SIRAP

## 10 CONTINGENCY PLANNING

The SIRAP2 Project Manager is the contact person for emergency situations that may arise during the implementation of the SIRAP2 works at Santa Cruz airport. SIRAP2 PM will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and has delegated authority to stop or direct work. In the event of an environmental emergency, the procedures outlined below are recommended for SIRAP2 to consider for implementation.

As part of their CESMP, the Contractors are required to prepare a Contingency Plan encompassing tsunami, earthquake, cyclone, and storm events. The purpose of the plan is to ensure all staff are fully aware of their responsibilities with respect to human safety and environmental risk reduction. Procedures should clearly delineate the roles and responsibilities of staff, define the functions to be performed by them, define the process to be followed in the performance of these functions, including tools and equipment to be kept in readiness, and provide an emergency medical plan. All the Contractor's staff should undergo training/induction to the plan.

While it is preferable to undertake construction works outside of the wet season, storm and heavy rain events are probable while works are underway.

The Contractors are responsible for monitoring weather forecasts, inspecting all erosion and sediment control measures, and undertaking any remedial work required prior to the forecast rain or storm event.

In general, the Contractors will:

- Inspect daily weather patterns to anticipate periods of risk and be prepared to undertake remedial works on erosion and sediment control measures to suit climatic conditions.
- Monitor the effectiveness of such measures after storms and incorporate improvements where possible in accordance with best management practices.
- Ensure appropriate resources are available to deal with the installation of additional controls as and when needed.
- Inform the Supervision Engineer if there are any concerns associated with the measures in place.

## APPENDICES

### Appendix A: Marine Survey Site Photos

#### Site Photos Southwestern End



**Site Photos Northern End**



Appendix B: Initial and Follow-up Consultation Participants List

1. Initial Consultation Participant List

a. Louva

Luova Meeting - Membisalo		
Name	Title	Village
Hilda Kejela	F	Nepu
Doreen Lamaku	F	Luova
Solomon Manatani	M	Luova
Ashley Vevaki	M	Luova
George Lema	M	Luova
Edward Daiwo	M	Luova
Ray Daiwo	M	"
Joan Daiwo	F	"
CECIL KEBUSAU	M	"
FRANK BONIE	M	"
RUTH MENANOPO	F	Membisalo
Edmond Peria	M	Nepu
Junior Pae	M	Luova
Savafina Mahau	F	"
Anica Sakinga	F	"
Rita Mapolu	F	"
JERRY MENGALO	M	"
JOHN STILL OLU	M	"
SUSIE OLU	F	BANUA
JAMES MENAWI	M	"

LUOVA		
Name	Title	Village
HENRY LAPIR	M	LUOVA
Wandy Yaua	F	"
Jane Daiwo	F	Luova
Josephine Tevata	F	Luova
Richard Lyuo	M	Luova
Rexford McDonald	M	Luova
Fr Stanley Tevata	M	LUOVA
Robert Stanley Dauviki	M	LUOVA
DAVID T. DAGI	M	LUOVA
HILTON NAPI	M	"
Jackson Meloli	M	"
Richard Bice Sopi	M	"
Edwin Teno	M	Nela
Miriam melani	F	Luova
Simon Melu	M	Nepu
Justin Walosara	M	Luova
Thomas mele	M	Luova
Clare Mungale	F	Luova
Mary Yao	F	Luova
Michael Mopola	M	Luova
BEN TALIKA	M	"
BEN TUNGALE	M	LUOVA

Date:		
Name	Title	Village
MARTIN MENGALO	M	Luova
Stanley Kapu	M	Nela
Lionel Yao	M	Luova
JOHN VETULA	M	Luova
NELLY VETULA	F	Luova

b. Area 4 Meeting

AREA 4 Meeting		Date: 9/1/22
Ken Tufunka	M	AREA 4
HILDA SIKOLA	F	REEF
GEORGE FAKARATI	M	MEBIALO
ANDREW BONIE (M)		Area 4
TREVOR TOKOPIAMU		Area 4
SAMUEL PENIELI M.		Area 4
JOSHUA MUGI		NOLOGO
JOHN GILIPOSI		AREA 4
WALTER ABUO		NELA
WYLIE TEAO		NELA VGE
Elizabeth Inamo		Area 4
ANGELA GILIPOSI		"
ELLEN SALOPUKA		Area 4
Lyn Matamoru		"
Mary Penieli		"
Elsie Fea		"
JOHN RONCY MEMUA		Landing area <sup>East end</sup> of airport
JOHN PETER PENIOP		NOLOGO
WALTER LINI BOPLO		AREA 4 (LATA)
GEORGE PAIA KODE		AREA 4 (LATA)
STANLY NENI		NELA
PATRICK BONIE		AREA 4
Doreen Akomane		Area 4 (Lata) <sup>9901</sup>

Date: 9/1/22	
RICHARD TEAO	LATA
PHILIP BOMBA METALI	LATA
ELIAS TETI KORO	LATA
PETER SMITH	LATA
JOHN TUNGALE	VENGA
STEVEN KAU	LATA
NATALIE NAMONA	AREA 4
LUCY MEMUA	LATA
Fr. Ben Wea	LATA
Fr. Inni Tampera	- LATA
George H. West. Paris	A4 Reefs
David Levenga	Venga (A4)
Docus Atemigi Manke	A4
Mrs Blamoli	Venga (A4)
MOSES FAKARATIA	LATA AREA 4
GLEDY IWA	A AREA 4
KONNY ARIKI	LATA / AREA 4
Ben Blamoli	LATA / AREA 4
Mr RINGO ARIKI	LATA / AREA 4
Fr. John Tony	Lata Area 4
FRED NAMONA	AREA FOUR
Babra	LUOVA
Jacinta Muaki	Area 4 (Lata)

BROWN ABU	VENGA VGE
MARIA MAMALI	AREA 4
RUTH NAMONA	AREA 4
MURIEL DOBU	AREA 4
MARGARUT BOKKEN	LUOVA / LATA
Roselyn Iiale	Area 4 / Luova
John Peter Noli	Area 4 / Lata
Cliffon Melati	Area 4

Photos of the meetings

<p>Meeting at Area 4</p>  A group of people are gathered under a simple structure with a corrugated metal roof in a rural, wooded area. Some people are sitting on the ground, while others stand. The ground is dirt and gravel.	<p>Meeting at Area 4</p>  A group of people are sitting on the ground in a rural area with a thatched-roof structure and a wooden frame in the background. The ground is dirt and gravel.	<p>Luova Meeting</p>  A group of people are sitting on the ground under a large tree in a rural area. A white vehicle is visible in the background.
<p>Luova Meeting</p>  A group of people are sitting on the ground under a large tree in a rural area. A thatched-roof structure is visible in the background.	<p>Luova Meeting</p>  A group of people are sitting on the ground in a rural area with a white vehicle and a thatched-roof structure in the background.	<p>Provincial Government</p>  A group of people are sitting around a large wooden table in a meeting room. There are papers and a water bottle on the table. The room has a blue and white checkered floor.

- c. Follow – Up Consultation Meetings
  - a. Meeting with Provincial Government

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**ATTENDANCE REGISTER**

Date:	12/09/2023	Start Time:	1pm 1:22pm	Community:	Temotu Provincial Government
		End Time:	2:33pm	Venue:	TPG Conference Rm

No.	Name	Male (M)/ Female (F)	Community/ Village	Signature
1	Hon. Peter in Tolua	Male	Provincial Minister	<i>[Signature]</i>
2	<del>Hon. John Cecil Mlona</del>	<del>Male</del>	<del>MPA Ward 9 Minister MID</del>	<del><i>[Signature]</i></del>
2*	Hon. John Cecil Mlona	Male	MPA Ward 9 Minister MID	<i>[Signature]</i>
3*	Hon. John Mark Rufus	Male	Minister of Youth/Sports	<i>[Signature]</i>
4*	Hon. Lionel Yasit	Male	Minister Commerce	<i>[Signature]</i>
5*	Hon. EDWARDS SIAVO	Male	Minister for Finance	<i>[Signature]</i>
7	Wendy Mark	F	Egis - Azimuth	<i>[Signature]</i>
8	Polly Maryere	F	MCA	<i>[Signature]</i>
9	Jaysie Basse	F	Egis - Azimuth	<i>[Signature]</i>
10	EDWIN KOVEKE	M	DST	<i>[Signature]</i>
11	Louis Rany	M	Egis - Azimuth	<i>[Signature]</i>
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b. Meeting with Area 4 Community - Lata

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Date:	13/09/23	Start Time:	11am	Community:	Area 4 - Lata
		End Time:	1:15pm	Venue:	Area 4

No.	Name	Male (M)/ Female (F)	Community/ Village	Signature
1	Julie West Paia	F	Area 4 women's Rep	Paia
2	Edith Dagi	Female	women's Rep	Dagi
3	MICHAEL MAMULI	M	Area 4	Mamuli
4	Alfred Dagi	M	Area 4	Dagi
5	Clayton Pokia	M	Area 4	Pokia
6	KERRY TUNGALE	M	Area 4	Tungale
7	John Peter Nolei	M	Area 4	Nolei
8	Mary Penieli	F	Area 4	Penieli
9	Angella Gully	F	Area 4	Gully
10	Mary Qweneth Penieli	F	Area 4	Penieli
11	Nessy Matungu	F	Area 4	X
12	Alice Buwssiluo	F	Area 4	X
13	Noel Tolei	M	Area 4	Tolei
14	Veronica Mungale	F	Area 4	Mungale
15	Ruth Gza	F	Area 4	X
16	Lilian Nalo	F	Area 4	X
17	Maria Ioko	F	Area 4	Ioko
18	Samuel Penieli	M	Area 4	Penieli

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No.	Name	Male (M)/ Female (F)	Community/ Village	Signature
19	ALICE MAY TEAA	F		
20	George Paia	M	AREA 4	<i>George Paia</i>
21	GEORGE SALOPUKA	M	Area 4	<i>George Paia</i>
22	Kris Lakian	M	Area 4	<i>Salopuka</i>
23	Ellen Balmoli	M	AREA 4	<i>Salopuka</i>
24	Jevahn Scot	F	Area 4	<i>Balmoli</i>
25	PATRICK BONIE	M	Area 4	<i>Scot</i>
26	GRACE LIAH	F	AREA 4	<i>Bonie</i>
27	GEORGE FAKA	M	AREA 4	<i>Liah</i>
28	HON. LIONEL YANOI	M	AREA 4	<i>Faka</i>
29	Hon. EDWARDS DATWO	M	Minister Comports	<i>Yanoi</i>
30	Doum Rakei	F	Minister - F-women	<i>Datwo</i>
31	ROSE SALOPUKA	F	Area 4	<i>Rakei</i>
32	TREVOR TOKOPIA	M	Area 4	<i>Salopuka</i>
33	Wendy Mark	F	Area 4	<i>Tokopia</i>
34	Sally Pota	F	Egis- Azimuth	<i>Mark</i>
35	Louis Rany	M	SIRAP	<i>Pota</i>
36	Joyce Boupe	F	EGIS- Az	<i>Rany</i>
37	Blaisy Marigani	F	"	<i>Boupe</i>
38	EDWIN KOYEKE	M	MCA	<i>Marigani</i>
39			PST	<i>Koyeke</i>

c. Meeting with Luova Community

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Date:	13/09/23	Start Time:	2:30 pm	Community:
		End Time:	4:30 pm	Venue:
				Luova - Mebrato Luova - Acom Area
No.	Name	Male (M)/ Female (F)	Community/ Village	Signature
1	Thomas Mele	Male	Luova	
2	Annie Kamamava	Female	Landing	
3	Edwin Leo	Male	Luova	
4	Solomon MamoLoni	Male	Luova	
5	AMBROSE YAMALO	Male	Luova	
6	EASPER KIBANE	Male	Luova	
7	Simon Melau	Male	Nepu	
8	Patrick Melama	Male	Napir	
9	tbe	Male	Luova	
10	Joan Dalwo	Female	Luova	
11	Margaret Bollen	Female	Luova	
12	Thomas Bade	Male	Male	
13	VICTOR MELOLI	Male	Male	
14	MAX Tenbo	Male	Luova	
15	Ashley Vavaki	Male	Luova	
16	GABRIEL DAPA	Male	Luova	
17	Charles Mohano	Male	Luova	
18	Lionald Meaio	Male	Luova	

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No.	Name	Male (M)/ Female (F)	Community/ Village	Signature
19	John Mewur	male	Luova	[Signature]
20	Dawly Wesley	Male	Luova	[Signature]
21	NORIS YAMELO	Male	Luova	[Signature]
22	JENNY DAHE	FEMALE	Luova	[Signature]
23	MARGARET MURRIAM BACEN LUWESA	FEMALE	LUOVA	[Signature]
24	Rhoda veveki	FEMALE	LUOVA	
25	SARAH TELLO	FEMALE	LUOVA	
26	JOYCELYN IWA	FEMALE	LUOVA	
27	DORLUS DEPA	FEMALE	LUOVA	[Signature]
28	WILSON YAMALO KENIA	Male		[Signature]
29	DAVID	male		[Signature]
30	L. Merio	Male	LUOVA	[Signature]
31	GEORGE LEMOA	Male	LUOVA	[Signature]
32	David Tenudo	male	Luova	[Signature]
33	HON. LIONEL YANCI	MALE	Minister Commara	[Signature]
34	EDDIE DEVA	MALE	LUOVA	[Signature]
35	Hilda Peina	Female	Nepu	[Signature]
36	Ellen Lyng	female	Mobi,alu	[Signature]
37	Anisa Tawoniava	Female	Luova	[Signature]
38	Cathy kemoa	female	Luova	[Signature]
39	MONICA PEINA	Female	Nepu	[Signature]

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No.	Name	Male (M)/ Female (F)	Community/ Village	Signature
40	Jaysie Boape			
41	Wandy Mark	F	Egis-Az	<i>[Signature]</i>
42	Betty Marigen	F	v	<i>[Signature]</i>
43	Louis Rany	F	MCA	<i>[Signature]</i>
44	Sally Pita	M	Egis-Az	<i>[Signature]</i>
45	EDWIN KOYEKE	F	PST	<i>[Signature]</i>
46		M	PST	<i>[Signature]</i>

d. Meeting with Community at Landing (Memua's Place)

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Date:	14/09/23	Start Time:	10am	Community:	Landing - Lata
		End Time:		Venue:	Memua's Place

No.	Name	Male (M)/ Female (F)	Community/ Village	Signature
1	RICHARD SESE TEAO	M	Nella/Mekeri	[Signature]
2	HANSOL LAGO	M	Landing	[Signature]
3	ELWIN SILU	M	KALA BAY	[Signature]
4	TONY PESA	M	Nella/Mekeri	[Signature]
5	JOHN RONCY MEMUA	M	Landing/Nova	[Signature]
6	JOHN PENIOP	M	Lata	[Signature]
7	Geoffrey Kupen	M	Lata	[Signature]
8	NELSON AU	M	LATA DAWN TOWN	[Signature]
9	JOHN W. NAUKALO	M	LATA/LANDING	[Signature]
10	Jones Salpenka	M	Lata/Landing	[Signature]
11	BROWN AKOMANE	M	K4 Lata	[Signature]
12	Joan Daiwo	F	Luova	[Signature]
13	Nesta Au	F	Lata downtown	[Signature]
14	Mr. Edward Jairo	M	Luova	[Signature]
15	VINGGAT DAWER	M	LANDING	[Signature]
16	HON. LIONEL YANOG	M	MPA (Landing)	[Signature]
17	Catechist - Thomas Male	M	Luova	[Signature]
18	LUCY MEMUA	F	Lata	[Signature]

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No.	Name	Male (M)/ Female (F)	Community/ Village	Signature
19	Serah Ogara	F	Lata	<i>[Signature]</i>
20	ELYN Vabo	F	Lata	<i>[Signature]</i>
21	Merja	F	Nela	<i>[Signature]</i>
22	OZING Memua	F	Lata	<i>[Signature]</i>
23	AMBROSE YAMA LO	M	Lata	<i>[Signature]</i>
24	Wendy Taya	F	Lata	<i>[Signature]</i>
25	Mary Clare	F	Lata	<i>[Signature]</i>
26	Helen Bonie	F	Lata	<i>[Signature]</i>
27	EDWIN KOVEKE	M	PST	<i>[Signature]</i>
28	Louis Rany	M	EGB - Az	<i>[Signature]</i>
29	Nendy Mark	F	Egs - Az	<i>[Signature]</i>
30	Sally Pita	F	PST - NSS	<i>[Signature]</i>
31	Jayse Boupe	F	Egs - Az	<i>[Signature]</i>
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f. Meeting at Nela

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**ATTENDANCE REGISTER**

Date:	15/09/2023	Start Time:	10:am	Community:	Nela Community
		End Time:	12:10 noon	Venue:	Nela Beach

No.	Name	Male (M)/ Female (F)	Community/ Village	Signature
1	JAMES Melanen	✓ M	Nelka	[Signature]
2	CHRISTIAN BIRIP	✓	Nela	[Signature]
3	Daniel Teti	✓	Nela	[Signature]
4	IMANUS Resa	M	Venga Vge	[Signature]
5	ENOCH	✓	Nela	[Signature]
6	SERAH MUST		F Nela	[Signature]
7	JORJE Meabir		F	[Signature]
8	ELIZABETH Mabdua		-F Nela	[Signature]
9	Nestor Teti		Nela	
10	JACK MEBUTA	✓	Nella	[Signature]
11	Rockson Tonsak	✓	Venga Vge	[Signature]
12	Gabriel M. Teao	✓	Nela	[Signature]
13	Moses Ken	✓	Nella	[Signature]
14	Charles Meao	✓	Venga	[Signature]
15	Solo Ossi	M	Nella	[Signature]
16	Richard Teao	✓	Nella	[Signature]
17	Basil Nonaia	✓	Nela	[Signature]
18	Henry IBI	M	Nela	[Signature]
	Edmond [Signature]	M	LATA	[Signature]



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No.	Name	Male (M)/ Female (F)	Community/ Village	Signature
19	Thomas Meleti	✓	Nela Vge	
20	Willie Teao	✓	Nela "	
21	Willie Moly	✓	Nela "	
22	Eric Imbe	✓	Nela "	
23	Sarah Moly	✓	Nella "	
24	Charles Metsi	✓	Nella "	
25	Doreen Sala	✓	Nella "	
26	Emma Sala	✓	Nella "	
27	Naomi Fox	✓	Nella "	
28	Martha Teao	✓	Nella "	
29	Alice Navi	✓	Nella vge	
30	GEORGE NAVI	✓	Nella Vge	
31	LYNSON TEAO	✓	Nella Vge	
32	Brown Pesa	✓	Nella vge	
33	Richard Noah Meleao	✓	Nella vge	
34	Hen Lionel Yavit	✓	Lata / Nella	
35	Michael S. Mapolu	✓	Nela vge	
36	Charles Meis	✓	Nela vge	
37	Nelson Omar Mandela	✓	Nella vge	
38	George Teao Drake	✓	Veng/Nella	
39	Malinae Teao	✓	Veng/Nella	

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No.	Name	Male (M)/ Female (F)	Community/ Village	Signature
40	HONORABLE Deemba	✓	chief	
41	HILDATEAS	F	Nela	
42	Jean Dauwo	F	Luova	
43	Stanley NENI	M	Nela	
44	Ishmael Medo	M	Nela	
45	Rose Tere	F	Nela	
46	Gabriel Metanan	M	Nela	
47	Selwin Menoni	M	Nela	
48	Ehsie	F	Nela	
49	Anna Lewesa	F	Nela	
50	Evalyn	F	Nela	
51	Rose Noli	F	Nela	
52	Anna Iwa	F	Nela	
53	Rose Iwa	F	Nela	
54	Joyce Kea	F	Nela	
55	John Medetekio	M	Nela	
56	Gilson Meas	M	Nela	
57	Iskai Metanan	M	Nela	
58	EDWIN KOVEKE	M	NELA	
59	Sally Pita	F	PST-NIS	
60	Sally Kaseem	F	NCA	
60	Late Rant	M	EGIS-A2	
61	Wendy Mart	F	"	

d. Minutes of Meeting – Follow Up Consultation  
 a. Meeting with Provincial Government

<b>Meeting Name:</b>	Community Consultation Meeting		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	12/09/2023	<b>Time:</b>	1:22pm-2:33pm
<b>Meeting Purpose:</b>	Introductory Visit and Project Awareness (Design)	<b>Community/Village</b>	Temotu Provincial Reps
		<b>Airport</b>	Santa Cruz Airport
<b>Project Team</b>			
<b>Names</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	
Salome Pita	Environment and Social Safeguards	Project Support Team (PST)	
Edwin Koveke	Environment and Social Safeguards	Project Support Team (PST)	
Louis Rany	Airport Engineer	Egis-Azimuth	
Wendy Mark	Environment and Social Safeguards	Egis-Azimuth	
Jaysie Boape	Environment and Social Safeguards	Egis-Azimuth	
Betty Merigeni	Engineer	Ministry of Communication and Aviation	
<b>Agenda (add rows as necessary)</b>			
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	
1. Introducing the Project Team	Salome Pita	PST	
2. Opening Prayer	Hon. John Mark	Temotu Provincial Rep	
3. Project Background	Salome Pita/Edwin Koveke	SIRAP-PST	
4. Design Presentation (including Safeguards)	Jaysie Boape Louis Rany Wendy Mark	Egis- Azimuth	
<b>Meeting Questions/Comments</b>		<b>Responses</b>	

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<b>Meeting Purpose:</b>	Introductory Visit and Project Awareness (Design)	<b>Community/Village</b>	Temotu Provincial Reps
		<b>Airport</b>	Santa Cruz Airport
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The team asked the Province about the land ownership status of the Santa Cruz Airport land?</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supervising Premier – Hon Daiwo has declared that the Santa Cruz Airport is on a government land. The CoL is the title holder. The land acquisition started in 1969 and completed in 1970. Land was acquired during the British Administration. All compensations were paid to rightful landowners (10 vendors, who received payment for land and crops on the land). The land was properly acquired.</li> <li>The acting premier further stressed that, the Province is looking forward to the project</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hon Lionel Yanoi commented that, People have waited long for the airport upgrade and some have doubts too if this project will ever be implemented. It is great to see the Team here in Santa Cruz. The Province is here to support the team during consultation and also the project implementation in overall.</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hon John Mark Rupua, commented that , in area 4, people use the seaside for relief. So removing the trees will leave the area exposed and they will not have privacy. The Hon further informed that people will now be encouraged to start building their own toilet facilities and also Hon member for Lata should have a plan to built toilet facilities for area4. Area4 also mentioned that the area is also used as boat anchorage. as well so it is good to ensure that this awareness in done n communities. Is fencing also part of this project?</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PST responded: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The project will only cover pavement and sea wall protection and not fencing.</li> <li>The team also took note of the comments raised.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will both ends of the runway be protected?</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PST responded: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes both ends of the runway will be protected.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Egis-Azimuth informed the Province of the consultation plan for community awaren in communities identified.</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the expected timeframe for construction works?</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PST responded: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The contractor may be awarded in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter in 2024 . So once the contract is awarded to the contractor, then the team will visit again to introduce the contractor.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supervising Premier – Hon Daiwo asked, Is there any possibility for the access road to run parrell with the airport perimeter fencing? This is to allow for access as access to and from to the other side of the runway.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PST responded: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MCA may have information on the Perimter fencing and maybe the access road too, but MCA can comment on this.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supervising Premier – Hon Daiwo What is quarry?</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PST responded: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PST explained what a quarry is</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supervising Premier – Hon Daiwo further added that there is a teak plantation, 3 or 4 lines of trees within the MCA- government land boundary. The teak plantation is owned by Micheal Lano.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The project team took note of that.</li> </ul>	

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		<b>Airport</b>	Santa Cruz Airport
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supervising Premier – Hon Daiwo also informed the team to be aware that Some landowners are also wanting to claim to good will payment for vendors siblings. There are some individuals who are for pushing this. When this questions arise, please address them properly and inform them properly of the land status,</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is there any grave yard within the MCA boundary</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is a grave yard but it is outside of the MCA land</li> </ul>	
Supervising Premier – Hon Daiwo made final comment, this project is very important for the Province for trade and tourism and also linking with Vanuatu province of Torba.			

**b. Luova Community**

<b>Meeting Name:</b>	Community Consultation Meeting		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	13/09/2023	<b>Time:</b>	2:40pm -4:30pm
<b>Meeting Purpose:</b>	Introductory Visit and Project Awareness (Design)	<b>Community/Village</b>	Luova
		<b>Airport</b>	Santa Cruz Airport

**Project Team**

Name	Position	Organisation
Salome Pita	Environment and Social Safeguards	Project Support Team (PST)
Edwin Koveke	Environment and Social Safeguards	Project Support Team (PST)
Louis Rany	Airport Engineer	Egis-Azimuth
Wendy Mark	Environment and Social Safeguards	Egis-Azimuth
Jaysie Boape	Environment and Social Safeguards	Egis-Azimuth
Betty Merigeni	Engineer	Ministry of Communication and Aviation

**Agenda (add rows as necessary)**

Topic	Presenter	Organisation
Introducing the Project Team	Hon. Edward Daiwo	Acting Premier – Temotu Province
Opening Prayer	Edith Dagi	Community Elder
Project Background	Salome Pita/Edwin Koveke	SIRAP-PST
Design Presentation (including Safeguards)	Jaysie Boape Louis Rany Wendy Mark	Egis- Azimuth

Meeting Questions/Comments	Responses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>From the presentation, it was noted that the terminal was not included in the design, can that be clarified?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PST responded that, the project will only do pavement on the runway, extension of runway and improvement to drainage system and lightening. For Terminal, the Province and MCA will be responsible for that. The Province have already have the design and will work with MCA to progress on with it.</li> <li>MCA further added that, MCA will work with Province regarding the Lata Airport terminal. After the upgrade, then work on terminal will take place.</li> <li>Acting Premier – Temotu Province, mentioned that having a terminal is important as people travel long way and would need to relief themselves after the long flight. Most times Pilot and passengers use the nearby bush to relieve themselves.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An elder commented that most of the people now are looking forward to the project being implemented and be constructed without delays.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some of the people who live closeby to the airport would like to know how far is the extent of the airport upgrade.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Egis-Azimuth team responded that a total of 90m of the airport to be improved, that is 30m of the runway will be paved, and remainder for clearances including drainages and lightening. The runway extension will be additional 320m. Before the contractor comes for construction works, the team will visit again to introduce the contractor to the communities and also to conduct awareness.</li> <li>MCA further add on that the extension will be around 320m on the south western end and width is 30m. Regarding clearances, it will be mainly vegetation clearances on runway sides to ensure safety.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Acting Premier – Temotu Province, mentioned that a teak plantation (about 4 lines) that is within the MCA land. This is planted in government land and will not be compensated however, the owner can cut and sell.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can the landowners be compensated for the MCA land?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acting Premier – Temotu Province The MCA land has been aquired and compensation of crops already being paid to 10 vendors. The project team are here to inform us of the project and design of runway and not to deal with land issues. Any issues will need to be channelled to the CoL.</li> <li>Hon Lionel Yanoi further commented that, where you see red markings/pegs, that is the boundary of MCA land. The runway is the PE and is an outright purchase. Beyond the MCA is customary and if the project will require additional land, then it will consult with the landowners.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An elder stressed that his father is also one of the vendors that have received payment. And he informed that money has already been paid to the vendors and no one should make anymore claims but to let the project to be implemented.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An elder also feels that the landowners need to be sorted before the project will go on. The MCA land belongs to land owners, and the project will only benefit the government and not landowners.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PST responded to clarify. It is good to weigh the benefits of having the airport . What was raised was concern regarding the aquisition process as people are tied closely to the land, and mentioned that the project will</li> </ul>

Meeting Questions/Comments	Responses
	only benefit the government and not the landowners. It is good to ask this questions, who is the government? You or we are the government, we elected leaders to represent us, and to create laws that we will abide by. So the project will benefit us, people. Just for your information, with regard to donor requirement, donor will only fund airports that owned by the government/MCA. If the airport is owned by the landowners or customary owned, it does not qualify for funding.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Another elder commented that people wanted this airport to be upgraded and would want to see it implement. For many years, people hear about the airport will be upgraded to provide service to the people. Those individual who have legacy issues will have to chanel it through other means. Let the projectgo on.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PST-Egis/Azimuth Team responded and asked the people, if they wanted the airport to be upgraded or not.</li> <li>Majority of people responded that they wanted to see the project to go on and for the airport to be upgraded.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Big haus futher constributed in the issue regarding land ownership and confirmed to the people that the land is a registered land and CoL is the title holder, so whoever that have any issues with this MCA land, will have to challenge it through the courts with CoL.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A women rep on behalf of her fellow community men and women has raised their appreciation for the project and have strongly made it clear that they want the airport upgrade as it will benefit everyone.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One of the elder have asked everyone who participated in the meeting if they want to see the airport to upgrade to raise their voice, and say 'I' and everyone responded 'I'.</li> </ul>

### c. Area 4 Community - Lata

<b>Meeting Name:</b>	Community Consultation Meeting		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	13/09/23	<b>Time:</b>	11am – 1:15pm
<b>Meeting Purpose:</b>	Introductory Visit and Project Awareness (Design)	<b>Community/Village</b>	Area4
		<b>Airport</b>	Santa Cruz Airport
<b>Project Team</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Organization</b>	
Salome Pita	Environment and Social Safeguards	Project Support Team (PST)	
Edwin Koveke	Environment and Social Safeguards	Project Support Team (PST)	
Louis Rany	Airport Engineer	Egis-Azimuth	
Wendy Mark	Environment and Social Safeguards	Egis-Azimuth	
Jaysie Boape	Environment and Social Safeguards	Egis-Azimuth	
Betty Merigeni	Engineer	Ministry of Communication and Aviation	

Agenda (add rows as necessary)

Topic	Presenter	Organisation
Introducing the Project Team	Hon. Edward Daiwo	Acting Premier – Temotu Province
Opening Prayer	Edith Dagi	Community Elder
Project Background	Salome Pita/Edwin Koveke	SIRAP-PST
Design Presentation (including Safeguards)	Jaysie Boape Louis Rany Wendy Mark	Egis- Azimuth

Meeting Questions/Comments	Responses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not clear about the extension, how far and wide will it go?</li> <li>Acting Premier – Temotu Province, to further add to Veronica’s question, in the past, there are some men that conducted survey (2010) for fencing and install pegs/flags to the width of the runway, and not sure if this is marking out the original boundary or extension to the width as, the locals are thinking, the new pegs will encroach into their land.</li> <li>A community member asked if the team could visit where the flags are located</li> <li>PST further informed the people that, if any house is within the peg boundary, it means that it is inside the MCA land. The land is a restricted area, and no house should be built inside. As Hon-bighaus mentioned, the pegs installed marked out the land boundary and is government land. So please pass on the message to those that are not present. If any house foundation is constructed in the MCA land, then it needs to be removed.</li> <li>Egis- Azimuth further clarified to the community on the actual areas where the seawall will be constructed</li> <li>Hon – Lionel Yanoi, further clarified that, individuals that have planted teak and mahogany belonging to Michael Lano within the runway boundary, please taken note, you are planting in government land.</li> <li>Another issue too is the contractors maintaining the airport, only maintain the runway and not the whole of the airport land, therefore, this has caused confusion amongst people where the actual land boundary is. So, over the years, people think that the area which was always cleaned is the airport boundary.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Egis- Azimuth responded, the extension will be 320 towards the sea in southwestern end and 30m width. On the northern end, there will be seawall protection.</li> <li>Hon – Lionel Yanoi, further clarified that, the survey was undertaken to reconfirm the land boundary of the government land which the runway was located.</li> <li>Hon – Lionel Yanoi, stressed that he was present during the survey and surveyed the alienated land boundary and where the peg runs is the boundary and includes the 30m.</li> </ul>



- Is there any plan for access road for people to use when going to the other side of the airport?
- Acting Premier – Temotu Province, to further add to Veronica's question. Runway should not be used as a road for vehicles. Most of us use the runway as a public road. The Temotu Provincial Government formed a committee to find alternate route to use as road. The first option is for the road to run between Peter Pinap and Toaki who share boundary, then Tom Olu's land, Jose West and continue till exit along airport side. The school board at Nela wants the road to go behind the school, therefore the road will have to divert through Teki's land, passing school before it turned towards airport, but it will pass through peoples' land. Most landowners agree to have the road through their lands however, the landowners asked if their crops will be compensated. The Committee looked at the compensation for crops, but it is beyond their budget capacity, and this holds up the development of the access road. So, when, the government have enough fund to pay for the crops, then they will continue with the plan for access road.
- A female elder raised concern regarding those that have their gardens in the aviation land. It is clear that, the Project will not compensate any gardens on the MCA land. If the MCA does not compensate, the province should at least give something to those that have their gardens on MCA land.
- Acting Premier – Temotu Province, to further clarified that any structure or crops in the Government Land will not be compensated. Those that have houses illegally constructed houses on government land, and this also implies to those that have gardens or tree plantations. The airport upgrade will now come, so what we hear now is actually happening. Once the studies are complete, then bidding and construction will follow shortly.
- Secondly, for families that built houses in the MCA land, they will have their homes removed without compensation and this is a sad reality. It is their homes that will be removed. Can the Province help this families out?
- Regarding the roads, the province will have to look for funds to be able to pay compensations for structures and crops, therefore, this will prolong the proposed road access as the compensation is very expensive.
- Regarding the road, how can it happen when even the airport upgrade takes many years before it happened. May of the people have coconut plantations or forestry on the opposite side of the airport and would want to see access road established for people to use to avoid using the runway.
- PST further explained that 30m of the runway will be paved. The extent to the MCA will be maintained.
- Is it the 30m of the runway will be sealed or the extension?

- There are individuals who bought land from the landowners who sold the land, and some of the people have their boundary within the aviation land. The landowners informed them that the government did not pay for the land, so sold the land to them, however, now they are the victims. Can this be cleared with the landowners and also if they could compensate them?
- The next question is about the drainage. What can be done with the drainage as this is affecting the people with ponding water. Can this be addressed in the design?
- Egis- Azimuth team response that during the construction, all your concerns will be addressed. There will be proper drainage systems in place to avoid blockages or flooding/water ponding. Without proper drainages, it will affect the runway and also the surrounding communities and therefore, this is considered in the design.
- The airport will be sealed within 30m and has its own standards and requirements as per international standards.
- Acting Premier – Temotu Province, further clarified to the people about the MCA land purchase. According to the documents from the National Archives Record and documents from MLHS, the MCA land was purchased and properly acquired, compensation of trees and land was made. Payment was made to 10 vendors, those who sold the land to the government. This was during the SI British Protectorate days. So, to claim that the land is not paid, is something that concerned individual should discuss with COL.
- Regarding the drainages, ponding water is also a breeding ground for mosquitos. The Malaria team usually visit the drains and use Kerosene to treat stagnant water to prevent the spread of malaria.
- PST informed the community that the team will visit the water ponding area to actually see the area and make notes.
- An elderly woman conveys her happiness and support for the airport upgrade. The airport upgrade really needed to be upgraded because we need flights to come. When there is no flight, it affects everyone.
- MCA rep further commented that having an airport has many benefits. When airport was closed last year and MCA has to do maintenance, it really affected the airlines services to the island. Therefore, it is really important to have this airport upgraded, to improve services including emergencies as well. The airport runway is not levelled and bowed as well; therefore it needed to be reconstructed to meet safety requirements.
- Egis- Azimuth team further added that the reports which was the designs was based on was reports produces since 2018, therefore, this site visit is very important as we need to collect updated information to update the current information collected previously.

- What will happen to the current airport infrastructure?
- And Why was Nela Village not included in the consultation as they should be included and are also resource owners?
- PST have informed the community that Safeguards Component is very important to the project and due to the extension work on the runway, it is necessary to find out the activities undertaken on the area. The Egis-Azimuth safeguards team will have some questions to ask:
  - Population/#Households in Area4
  - Average number of people in a household
  - Main source of water
  - On the SW end of the Runway, what are the main uses of the area?
- PST further asked the community, when the project construction will start, where will people go as they will no longer use the site for open defecation?
- PST thanked the elder for the question. MCA and PST visited Santa Cruz last year to introduce the project. Team was supposed to come early to do groundwork, but they just visited now. So, the concern to included Nela will be taken into account.
- Airport facilities (Terminal and Rest rooms) may be included in the MCA plan but for the project, it will only be the runway extension, drainage, seawall protection and ground lightning. So, this scope of activities is necessary and prioritized in MCA.
- There will be no fencing included in the project but, there will be lightening installed. No one is allowed to damage the lightnings as it is important for pilots to use for landing. If anyone damages the lightening, it will be seen as vandalizing of government asset and it is a criminal act, and MCA can act upon, and police will intervene.
- Population/#Households in Area4
  - 40HH
- Average number of people in a household
  - 6people
- Main source of water
  - Rain & Well
- On the SW and Northern end of the Runway, what are the main uses of the area?
  - Swimming/leisure and social activities
  - Boat anchorage & passage
    - Medical, agriculture, and customs departments use this location including villagers
  - Open defecation (allocated spot). People living in Lata station also use this area.
  - Fishing
  - Waste disposal
  - Use the sea to deep bark from trees to make traditional baskets
  - Gardening (SW end)
- A woman elder has encourage her fellow community people that it's time for the people to start build their own toilets now. So needed guidance on how and where to access funds to enable them to access toilet facilities.
- She further stressed that, people must work together to ensure that the upgrade to the airport must go on.
- And if MCA/SIACL can allocate maintenance works with communities surrounding the runway. The communities are willing to offer community service in cutting grasses in the MCA land.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MCA responded to question regarding the maintenances. For the maintenance work, it will depend much on the new SOE (SIACCL). Maybe it will allocate airport maintenance works to maybe Church Groups, Communities etc. as it sees that giving maintenance to contractors is very expensive for the government which makes it difficult for MCA to improve terminal.</li> <li>• Egis- Azimuth Safeguards team informed the community that, with 40HH, average of 6 people and many people uses the sea for open defecation, with this it will trigger a resettlement plan according to WB ESS Standards. So, since the site will be cleared for the upgrade, do you think you will continue to use this site?</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The community responded: No, it's time for households to start build proper toilets and it will not be an issue to stop development. Everyone wants to have the airport runway to be upgraded and therefore, let the upgrade to go on.</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the timeframe for the project to start?</li> </ul>	<p>PST/Egis-Azimuth responded, the project is on the design stage. The Egis-Azimuth team is here to undertake community consultations and conduct other site assessments to update design documents. After the design is finalised, it will go through detailed design, incorporate all findings and will submit in October for MCA and PST to review. After, it will submit to WB before tendering process. During the bidding, both local and international contractors are eligible to bid. So, once contract is awarded, the team will also revisit again to introduce the contractor. It is expected that the project may start in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of next year.</p> <p>And to conclude PST thanked the community for their participation and attendance.</p>

d. Landing Community – Memua’s Place

<b>Meeting Name:</b>	Community Consultation Meeting		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	14/09/2023	<b>Time:</b>	10am
<b>Meeting Purpose:</b>	Introductory Visit and Project Awareness (Design)	<b>Community/Village</b>	Landing Area (Memua’s Place)
		<b>Airport</b>	Santa Cruz Airport
<b>Project Team</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	
Salome Pita	Environment and Social Safeguards	Project Support Team (PST)	
Edwin Koveke	Environment and Social Safeguards	Project Support Team (PST)	
Louis Rany	Airport Engineer	Egis-Azimuth	
Wendy Mark	Environment and Social Safeguards	Egis-Azimuth	
Jaysie Boape	Environment and Social Safeguards	Egis-Azimuth	
Betty Merigeni	Engineer	Ministry of Communication and Aviation	

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Date of Meeting:	14/09/2023	Time:	10am
Meeting Purpose:	Introductory Visit and Project Awareness (Design)	Community/Village	Landing Area (Memua's Place)
		Airport	Santa Cruz Airport
<b>Agenda (add rows as necessary)</b>			
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	
Introducing the Project Team	Hon. Edward Daiwo	Acting Premier – Temotu Province	
Opening Prayer	Mr Richard	Community Elder-Landing Area (Lata)	
Project Background	Salome Pita/Edwin Koveke	SIRAP-PST	
Design Presentation (including Safeguards)	Jaysie Boape Louis Rany Wendy Mark	Egis- Azimuth	
<b>Meeting Questions/Comments</b>		<b>Responses</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The community have shared their concern on the safety of MCA infrastructure. The airport perimeter should be fenced. This is to ensure that people do not vandalize the MCA properties, including lightening that will be installed.</li> <li>The Terminal need to be improved also. There is no convenient areas and no proper office space for airlines. Temotu is far, and when people arrive from Honiara including the pilot usually run to the nearby bush for relief. During construction, this area will be cleared, and people will have bush for relief. Can this be addressed?</li> <li>The Southwestern end of the runway is prone to high wave movements/motions during cyclones and also tsunami. Such events cause coastal erosion, flooding and also can damage infrastructure so when constructing sea wall/protection, do take into account the climatic events.</li> <li>From initial consultation in around 2021, MCA Rep – Trevor mentioned that any crops grown on the alienated land, the owners will be compensated. But now, in this consultation, it was mentioned there will be no consultation. Can this be clarified?</li> <li>What is the extent of the expansion?</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PST responded: MCA will be responsible for airport perimeter fencing. So, it is in their planned activities for Temotu Airport.</li> <li>MCA has taken into account the comment. It will take up to MCA Team in Honiara for discussion.</li> <li>Egis have taken note of this comment.</li> <li>For compensation for fruit tress/tress, it will be shouldered by the Government (responsible Ministry) and not the donor (WB). The Ministry responsible will solve the compensation first before any construction works starts. Donor will only be responsible for upgrading the runway. The airport is a restricted area, and no one should use the MCA land to plant food gardens or trees.</li> <li>The team will take back comments to MCA to address.</li> <li>The expansion towards the southwestern end will be 320m. Should additional land be require, MCA with inform and consult with the landowners.</li> </ul>	

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Date of Meeting:	14/09/2023	Time:	10am
Meeting Purpose:	Introductory Visit and Project Awareness (Design)	Community/Village	Landing Area (Memua's Place)
		Airport	Santa Cruz Airport
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The community people are supportive of the project and want to see it progressing on. The extent of the MCA land boundary (Peg) is at the beach near Nela. The pegging is visible and easily identified. In 2018 a government surveyer visited the runway and identified the boundary and peg markings and some of us are present and have seen the pegs.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The team take note of the comment.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the width of the airport that will be upgraded?</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The width of the airport that will be paved is 30m. The graded area will be 80m. The total perimeter is 90m (45m on both sides from centreline)</li> </ul>	

e. Consultation at Lata Market

Meeting Name:	Community Consultation Meeting		
Date of Meeting:	14/09/2023	Time:	2:30pm
Meeting Purpose:	Introductory Visit and Project Awareness (Design)	Community/Village	Lata Market
		Airport	Santa Cruz Airport
<b>Project Team</b>			
Name	Position	Organisation	
Salome Pita	Environment and Social Safeguards	Project Support Team (PST)	
Edwin Koveke	Environment and Social Safeguards	Project Support Team (PST)	
Louis Rany	Airport Engineer	Egis-Azimuth	
Wendy Mark	Environment and Social Safeguards	Egis-Azimuth	
Jaysie Boape	Environment and Social Safeguards	Egis-Azimuth	
Betty Merigeni	Engineer	Ministry of Communication and Aviation	
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	
5. Introducing the Project Team	Hon. Edward Daiwo	Acting Premier – Temotu Province	
6. Opening Prayer	Mr Mekaboti	Principal -Mamineo School	
7. Project Background	Salome Pita/Edwin Koveke	SIRAP-PST	
8. Design Presentation (including Safeguards)	Jaysie Boape Louis Rany Wendy Mark	Egis- Azimuth	

Meeting Questions/Comments	Responses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hon Lionel Yanoi, made some clarification on the runway strip is on government land and there are visible pegs/markings to the boundaries. Should the project need additional land, it will consult with land owning groups.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The people are supportive of the project and looking forward to its implementation.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On the South Western end, if the runway will be extended, it will require some vegetation on that side to be cleared. That is some trees or coconuts towards the point (Nela).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A good landing will start with a good approach and this will be for MCA to take note of. There are height restrictions for vegetations and buildings, this is to maintain visual contact with the airfield and its critical to approach and landing. If MCA will need clearances for the aircraft approach landing, and coconuts or trees will need to be removed, MCA will consult with property owners. For now, the focus is on the runway upgrade and construction works will be within the MCA land. Anything beyond MCA land will be on MCAs responsibility.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What will happen to access road through the airport? There is no access road so people use to cross the runway and when upgrade will take place, it means that the current access will be closed and therefore, there will be mobility issues. School children use that same route to access the school and also people who lived in the township and also communities who reside opposite of the runway depended on that access. Will there be an access road constructed for people to use?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PST responded, that the scope of work will mainly be on the runway upgrade only. For access road, MID will be responsible to address.</li> <li>Province also stressed that currently the Province is also looking at alternate route for access. Negotiations with land owners for access road is still ongoing. The only issue the province is faced with is availability of funds to pay land owners for loss of properties/compensations. So, the province is responsible for this.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A female leader in the community conveys her appreciation for the project. She stressed that, community people need to take ownership and pride with such developments. People will need to take care of airport infrastructures. The runway upgrade will bring about improvement to Santa Cruz airport and also will boost tourism which will benefit people living in the islands. Tourists will visit the islands, buy local products which will in turn bring about income and people can improve their standard of living.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Louy stressed on the importance of safety of the runway. The airport follows strict standards and the standards are according to international requirements. Therefore, it is required for the runway to be free and clear at all times. There will be lights installed on the runway and this must be taken care of.</li> <li>The runways are restricted and should not be accessed for safety purposes.</li> <li>Have asked people to take care of the airport runway.</li> <li>For the meantime, during construction, there will be some control to accessing runway. The contractor team will be responsible for that.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An elderly leader have stressed that, people must be patient and look forward to the development. The development have process to follow before its implementation.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An elderly man also commented that fencing is also needed around the airport perimeter. People has many uses of the airport runway and this includes drinking alcohol in the runway, throwing of rubbish and including as access road for people and vehicles. Fencing should go along side with the improvement of runway.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PST responded that, most communities consulted raised their concern on fencing. Team have taken note of and will provide feedback to MCA and MCA will address the issue of fencing.</li> </ul>

#### f. Community Consultation – Nela

Meeting Name:	Community Consultation Meeting		
Date of Meeting:	15/9/23	Time:	10am-12:10noon
Meeting Purpose:	Introductory Visit and Project Awareness (Design)	Community/Village	Nela
		Airport	Santa Cruz Airport
<b>Project Team</b>			
Name	Position	Organization	
Salome Pita	Environment and Social Safeguards	Project Support Team (PST)	
Edwin Koveke	Environment and Social Safeguards	Project Support Team (PST)	
Louis Rany	Airport Engineer	Egis-Azimuth	
Wendy Mark	Environment and Social Safeguards	Egis-Azimuth	
Jaysie Boape	Environment and Social Safeguards	Egis-Azimuth	
Betty Merigeni	Engineer	Ministry of Communication and Aviation	
<b>Agenda (add rows as necessary)</b>			
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	
9. Introducing the Project Team	Hon. Edward Daiwo	Acting Premier – Temotu Province	
10. Opening Prayer	Mr Gabriel	Community Elder	
11. Project Background	Salome Pita/Edwin Koveke	SIRAP-PST	
12. Design Presentation (including Safeguards)	Jaysie Boape Louis Rany Wendy Mark	Egis- Azimuth	
<b>Meeting Questions/Comments</b>		<b>Responses</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Who is the contractor for the project?</li> <li>Will the expansion on the width of the runway not affect those residing close to the airport?</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PST responded that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project have not yet gone through tender.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Egis-Azimuth responded: The project will not affect anyone as there will be no expansion to the width of the runway. There will be expansion on the runway on the SW end and on the northern end, will be protection of shoreline.</li> </ul>	



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Date of Meeting:	15/9/23	Time:	10am-12:10noon
Meeting Purpose:	Introductory Visit and Project Awareness (Design)	Community/Village	Nela
		Airport	Santa Cruz Airport

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During the upgrade, it will affect access. People have their coconut plantation and other resources on the other side of the runway and their only access is through the airside. During the recent maintenance works on the runway, people were told not to cross the runway. How can this be addressed?</li> <br/> <li>• What is the Provincial Government's contribution in this project?</li> <br/> <li>• Why was Nela not included in the initial consultation.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PST responded:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The airside is a restricted area, and no one is allowed inside airside. This is an aircraft operation area. The purpose of these restricted areas is to ensure the safety of aircraft and their occupants as well as people on the ground. Therefore, there should not be any littering on the runway. In the design, boom gates will be used to control access in and out of the runway when there is incoming flight.</li> <li>○ You can access to your resources on the other side of the runway; however, your safety and safety of the aircraft is paramount. Even now, there are beer tins, plastics etc. on the runway. This is why the airside is restricted.</li> </ul> </li> <br/> <li>• Supervising Premier responded:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Provincial Government provides support to the whatever plans of the National Government. For this project, Temotu Province is very supportive and will be working alongside the National Government in ensuring this project is implemented well to improve and benefit the people of Temotu Province.</li> <li>○ When Project team is here, the province will also provide support to the project by accompanying the team in their consultations.</li> <li>○ So, with this project, once the airport runway is upgraded it will also open up the trade/tourism link between Vanuatu and Temotu Province. This will be very beneficial to people of Temotu Province. Therefore, it is best the airport infrastructure is in place to support the trade link. The next, will be the international seaport, which consultations is underway at Provincial level.</li> </ul> </li> <br/> <li>• PST responded:</li> <li>• apologies for not initially included Nela in the consultation as in the initial consultations, the extension was not included therefore, that is why it was not included. Now that the runway will be extended, communities surrounding the airports are being consulted including Nela. Nela is a key community for the project and that it will be always included in any consultations.</li> </ul> |
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Meeting Name:	Community Consultation Meeting		
Date of Meeting:	15/9/23	Time:	10am-12:10noon
Meeting Purpose:	Introductory Visit and Project Awareness (Design)	Community/Village	Nela
		Airport	Santa Cruz Airport

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If there will be extension on the SW end of the runway, it will need some vegetation to be cleared away in order for pilot to descend smoothly towards the runway. How far is the extent of the extension? And for descending of airplane, some of the coconut trees/vegetations at the Nela Point will definitely be cleared.</li> <li>• Will construction materials for the runway be sourced locally or from outside?</li> <li>• Will there be terminal constructed having the airport runway being upgraded? Temotu people pay for most of the expensive airfare in Solomon Islands, therefore, it needed terminal to be constructed in line with the runway.</li> <li>• When project is awarded, it is good to have it implemented until the project is completed? There are projects in the province that are incomplete, and people do not want to see such being repeated?</li> <li>• Can the Provincial Government address the issue of Access Road? also for the Terminal, can there be carpark included in it, when it is designed?</li> <li>• An elder commented that, the design of the sea wall will need to take into account the climatic conditions of the island, the foundations will need to be properly footed.</li> <li>• He also mentioned that the drainage system needs to be properly constructed too as the island received a lot of rains. Therefore, the drainage system needs to have proper foundations too.</li> <li>• Why did the airplane not fully utilize the full runway? This is what people have observed over the years.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PST responded:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Should there be any vegetation clearances required, MCA will consult with rightful landowners.</li> <li>◦ The extension will be within the MCA land, around 320m. Should additional land be required, MCA will also consult with rightful landowners.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• PST responded:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Most construction materials will be brought over from Honiara. There is no major river system in Santa Cruz that can provide pavement materials.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• MCA responded:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Airport Terminal will be part of MCA's discussion. MCA will have to secure funding first before committing to the terminal construction.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• PST responded:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ For the donor project -the project will be awarded to the contractor who will make sure that the project is done. There is a supervision consultant (Egis) who will make sure that the contractor is ensuring the work is done. And there is PST who will also ensure that the project progressing on smoothly. There is line of monitoring in all levels of monitoring.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Supervising Premier responded:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Egis team have noted the comment.</li> <li>• Egis Team responded: The pilots cannot fully utilise the full length of the airport due to the condition of the runway. Towards the northern side of the runway is high and on the sw side is low and sections of the runway is not equally leveled.</li> </ul> |
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		Airport	Santa Cruz Airport
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An elder (George) commented that he is really appreciative of the project, and he is supportive. He further stressed that, should MCA need for trees to be removed for approach landing, he can be consulted. Also, no one to disturb the project as is a very important development for the province.</li> <li>PST/Egis team take note of the comments.</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For local resources, should it be required, the people want if the contractor be fair with their price when negotiating local materials with resource owners.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When the project is awarded to the contractor, the local resource owners will need to properly negotiate prices of local resources. The local resource owner will only supply local resources to contractor if they are agree to the price negotiated.</li> </ul>	

Appendix C: Weekly CESMP Inspection

<b>PROJECT:</b>	Solomon Islands Roads and Aviation Project	<b>IMPLEMENTING AGENCY:</b>	MCA
<b>DATE:</b>		<b>CONTRACTOR:</b>	
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>		<b>SUPERVISION CONSULTANT</b>	
<b>DISTRIBUTION LIST:</b>			

Inspection Participants: (insert names and positions)

CESMP Items (edit as necessary based on approved CESMP)	Applicable		Compliance			Issues	Status (R)/(O)	Action Required/Taken	Target/Actual Date
	Yes	No	Green	Yellow	Red				
<b>1. Mitigation &amp; Management Measures: Construction Phase</b>									
<u>General:</u>  The contractor is undertaking weekly monitoring and reporting using a monitoring form approved by Supervision Engineer in CESMP.									

CESMP Items (edit as necessary based on approved CESMP)	Applicable		Compliance			Issues	Status (R)/(O)	Action Required/Taken	Target/Actual Date
	Yes	No							
<u>Solid and Hazardous Waste:</u>  - Approved Solid Waste Management Plan effectively implemented - Waste collection at laydown area is secure, well signed and clean  - Hazardous waste is stored according to SWMP  - Good housekeeping around project sites and workers accommodation  - All hazardous waste is disposed of offshore - Contaminants of Concern (COC) documentation in place and reviewed									
<u>Community Infrastructure, health and safety:</u>  - Approved Traffic Management Plan is under effective implementation  - Public signage of complaints procedure  - Signs and fences restrict or direct pedestrians and public where appropriate.  - No damage to public or community infrastructure  Dust suppression is effective Noise is within permitted limits Required signage is in place									

CESMP Items (edit as necessary based on approved CESMP)	Applicable		Compliance			Issues	Status (R)/(O)	Action Required/Taken	Target/Actual Date
	Yes	No							
<p>Waste Accumulation and Disposal Agreements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Good housekeeping around the work sites</li> <li>- Waste collected in defined area on impermeable ground or containers</li> <li>- Separation of waste into (i) Recyclable waste (i.e. certain plastics, metals, rubber etc. that can be recycled); (ii) Organic biodegradable waste (i.e. waste that will decay / break down in a reasonable amount of time, such as green waste, food waste; (iii) Inorganic non-recyclable waste (i.e. waste that cannot decompose / break down and which cannot be recycled) and, (iv) Hazardous waste (i.e. asbestos, waste oil etc.)</li> <li>- Hazardous waste stored in safe and appropriate manner.</li> <li>- Waste management plan in place and operating for proper disposal</li> </ul>									
<p>Soil and Water Pollution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Appropriate spill response plan/kit in place for waste area</li> <li>- No visible spills on soil or uncovered ground</li> <li>- Drainage and soakage systems clear and fit for purpose</li> </ul>									

CESMP Items (edit as necessary based on approved CESMP)	Applicable		Compliance			Issues	Status (R)/(O)	Action Required/Taken	Target/Actual Date
	Yes	No							
Dust and Materials Transport: - Stockpiles covered or kept wet when not in use  - Visual inspection of ambient dust conditions on site and at nearby sensitive locations  - Truck transports are covered  - No evidence of aggregate spills on haulage route									
Noise: - Workers wearing ear protection as required - Noise level maximum of 45dB between 2200-0700 - No complaints received relating to noise									
Air Pollution: - Equipment operating without excessive emissions - Bitumen and asphalt plant emissions move away from nearby communities									
Fuel and Oil Storage: - Substances stored in self-bunded vessels or within bund on impermeable surface  - Spill kit complete and accessible - Spill training completed - No evidence of spills on the ground									

CESMP Items (edit as necessary based on approved CESMP)	Applicable		Compliance			Issues	Status (R)/(O)	Action Required/Taken	Target/Actual Date
	Yes	No							
<u>OHS</u>  - Workers have access to and are using appropriate, PPE for the task. - All workers have undergone appropriate OHS training.  - Proper briefing of staff before undertaking work activities.									
TMP Implementation: - Traffic Management Plan (TMP) under effective implementation									
Community and Local Business Consultation: - Public signage of complaints procedure - Signs and fences restrict or direct pedestrians and public where appropriate.									
Materials Supply: - Quarry establishment and operations in fully compliance with ESMP - All quarries licensed to supply materials - All imported materials with appropriate biosecurity clearances									



CESMP Items (edit as necessary based on approved CESMP)	Applicable		Compliance			Issues	Status (R)/(O)	Action Required/Taken	Target/Actual Date
	Yes	No							
<p>Laydown Area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Laydown areas established on pre-approved sites</li> <li>- Laydown areas dust levels managed efficiently</li> <li>- Traffic management plan correctly implemented at laydown site</li> <li>- Water run off management systems operating correctly</li> <li>- Dust management effectively implemented</li> <li>- PPE present and correctly used</li> <li>- Refuelling occurring over drip trays in dedicated areas</li> <li>- No stockpiling within 100m of waterways</li> </ul> <p>Bunding is functional at a stockpile site</p>									
<p>Workers Camp (if applicable):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Camp established in accordance with Code of Practice in ESMP Annex G.</li> <li>- Septic system cleaned and fully operational.</li> <li>- Waste stored in an appropriate location in a clean and tidy manner, segregated by waste type.</li> <li>- Workers living and recreational areas clean and properly equipped.</li> <li>- OHS, HIV/AIDS, GBV, Human Trafficking, CAE and other information available</li> </ul>									

CESMP Items (edit as necessary based on approved CESMP)	Applicable		Compliance			Issues	Status (R)/(O)	Action Required/Taken	Target/Actual Date
	Yes	No							
Monitoring - Weekly safeguards compliance report completed									

Compliant, Minor Non-Compliance, Significant Non-Compliance      Status: (R) Resolved Issues, (O) Ongoing Issues

**Notes:**

**Required Actions:**

**Environmental Specialist:**

**Signed:**

**Date:**

**Photos (attach as appropriate)**

## Appendix D: Codes of Practice and Guidelines

- Solid Waste Management Plan
- OHS Management Plan
- Worker and Labour Influx Management Plan
- Quarry Management Plan

### Other Guidelines

IFC Workers Accommodation Standards and Guidelines<sup>45</sup>

Managing the Risks of Adverse Impacts on Communities from Temporary Project Induced Labour Influx<sup>46</sup>

World Bank Good Note Practice: Environment & Social Framework for IPF Operations, Road Safety<sup>47</sup>

WB General ESH Guidelines<sup>48</sup>

WB EHS Guidelines for Construction Materials Extraction<sup>49</sup>WB EHS Guidelines for Ports, Harbours and Terminals (for construction works along waterways)<sup>50</sup>

WB COVID-19 Guidance<sup>51</sup>

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<sup>45</sup>[https://www.ifc.org/wps/wcm/connect/topics\\_ext\\_content/ifc\\_external\\_corporate\\_site/sustainability-at-ifc/publications/publications\\_gpn\\_workersaccommodation](https://www.ifc.org/wps/wcm/connect/topics_ext_content/ifc_external_corporate_site/sustainability-at-ifc/publications/publications_gpn_workersaccommodation)

<sup>46</sup><http://pubdocs.worldbank.org/en/497851495202591233/Managing-Risk-of-Adverse-impact-from-project-labor-influx.pdf>

<sup>47</sup><http://pubdocs.worldbank.org/en/648681570135612401/Good-Practice-Note-Road-Safety.pdf>

<sup>48</sup>[https://www.ifc.org/wps/wcm/connect/topics\\_ext\\_content/ifc\\_external\\_corporate\\_site/sustainability-at-ifc/publications/publications\\_policy\\_esh-general](https://www.ifc.org/wps/wcm/connect/topics_ext_content/ifc_external_corporate_site/sustainability-at-ifc/publications/publications_policy_esh-general)

<sup>49</sup><https://www.ifc.org/wps/wcm/connect/dad17995-66be-4280-86da-b438cf9fbefc/Final%2B-%2BConstruction%2BMaterials%2BExtraction.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CVID=jkC-EN.&id=1323162191491>

<sup>50</sup>[https://www.ifc.org/wps/wcm/connect/ddfac751-6220-48e1-9f1b-465654445c18/20170201-FINAL\\_EHS+Guidelines+for+Ports+Harbors+and+Terminals.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CVID=ID.CzO9](https://www.ifc.org/wps/wcm/connect/ddfac751-6220-48e1-9f1b-465654445c18/20170201-FINAL_EHS+Guidelines+for+Ports+Harbors+and+Terminals.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CVID=ID.CzO9)

<sup>51</sup><http://pubdocs.worldbank.org/en/324831581700447537/COVID-19-Guidance-for-Contractors-CO-Final.pdf>

## Solid Waste Management Plan Guidelines

The key objectives of this solid waste management plan (SWMP) guidelines is to assist the Contractor to develop a SWMP that:

1. Maximise the amount of material which is sent for reuse, recycling or reprocessing
2. Minimise the amount of material sent to the landfill
3. Satisfies the national waste management legislations
4. Satisfies the EHS requirements of the World Bank

When developing, and implementing a SWMP the following key elements should be considered:

1. Waste streams: identify which waste streams are likely to be generated and estimate the approximate amounts of materials

Undertake inventory of materials that can be reused, recycled or recovered from the construction site:

- Specific types of materials: a full list of options is provided in the assessment table below
- Amount of material expected
- Possible contamination by hazardous materials like asbestos or lead: these materials will limit reuse/recycling options and require special disposal.

Waste and/or Recyclable Materials		Destination		
		Reuse and Recycling		Disposal
Possible Materials Generated	Estimated Volume (m3) or Area (m2) or Weight (t)	On-site (How will materials be reused and/or recycled on site)	Off-site (Specify the proposed destination and/or recycling facility)	Specify the disposal site and permit if required.
Timber (specify type)				
Wood waste (e.g. MDF, plywood)				
Cardboard				
Ferrous materials (e.g. iron, steel)				
Nonferrous materials (e.g. copper wiring)				
Concrete				
Roofing tiles				
Ceramic tiles				
Gravel				
Gypsum board (e.g. drywall)				
Plaster				
Plumbing fixtures and fittings				

Carpet and underlay				
Stone				
Asphalt				
Glass				
Sand/fill				
Topsoil				
Green waste				
Asbestos				
Fluorescent light bulbs				
Hazardous materials (e.g. oils, paints, solvents)				
Plastics				
PVC				
Co-mingled recyclables (e.g. paper, cans, glass and plastic bottles, carboard, etc)				
General waste (e.g. food waste, contaminated food packaging, non- recyclable plastics)				
Mixed waste				

2. Services: identify an appropriately equipped waste management contractor who will provide compliant services for disposal of the waste streams generated.
  
3. On-site: understand how the waste management system (sorting and storage) will work on-site, including bin placement and access.

Determine storage requirements (separate bins or co-mingled), things to consider include:

- Ease of use: ensure that containers are easily accessible by workers and that storage areas are clearly signposted
- Safety: ensure that the containers and storage can be managed safely, including limiting public access to the site and protecting against FOD
- Hazardous waste materials storage
- Aesthetics: ensure that the site appears orderly and will not raise concern from local residents or businesses – for example screening for dust and litter containment and daily collection of windblown material
- Establish a collection/delivery plan in collaboration with waste contractors for waste and recyclable materials generated on-site.

4. Clearly assign and communicate responsibilities: ensure those involved in the project are aware of their responsibilities in relation to the construction waste management plan.
5. Training: be clear about how the various elements of the WMP will be implemented.
6. Monitor: to ensure the plan is being implemented, monitor on-site as per the ESMP monitoring plan.

## OHS MANAGEMENT PLAN GUIDELINES

### 1. Objective

The objective of this Sub-plan is to provide guidance on the:

- key principles involved in ensuring the health and safety of workers is protected;
- preparation of Health and Safety Sub-plans and associated Job Safety Analyses (JSA); and
- implementation of Health and Safety Sub-plans during project implementation.

The key reference document for this Guideline is the World Bank Group's *Environmental, Health, and Safety (EHS) Guidelines* (April 2007) together with the relevant Industry Sector EHS Guidelines available at [www.ifc.org/ehsguidelines](http://www.ifc.org/ehsguidelines).

### 2. Principles

Employers must take all reasonably practicable steps to protect the health and safety of workers and provide and maintain a safe and healthy working environment. The following key principles are relevant to maintaining worker health and safety:

#### 2.1 Identification and assessment of hazards

Each employer must establish and maintain effective methods for:

- Systematically identifying existing and potential hazards to employees;
- Systematically identifying, at the earliest practicable time, new hazards to employees;
- Regularly assessing the extent to which a hazard poses a risk to employees.

#### 2.2 Management of identified hazards

Each employer must apply prevention and control measures to control hazards which are identified and assessed as posing a threat to the safety, health or welfare of employees, and where practicable, the hazard shall be eliminated. The following preventive and protective measures must be implemented in order of priority:

- Eliminating the hazard by removing the activity from the work process;
- Controlling the hazard at its source through engineering controls;
- Minimizing the hazard through design of safe work systems;
- Providing appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).

The application of prevention and control measures to occupational hazards should be based on comprehensive JSA. The results of these analyses should be prioritized as part of an action plan based on the likelihood and severity of the consequence of exposure to the identified hazards.

#### 2.3 Training and supervision

Each employer must take all reasonably practicable steps to provide to employees (in appropriate languages) the necessary information, instruction, training and supervision to protect each employee's health and to manage emergencies that might reasonably be expected to arise in the course of work.

Training and supervision extend to the correct use of PPE and providing employees with appropriate incentives to use PPE.

## **2.4 General duty of employees**

Each employee shall:

- take all reasonable care to protect their own and fellow workers health and safety at the workplace and, as appropriate, other persons in the vicinity of the workplace;
- use PPE and other safety equipment supplied as required; and
- not use PPE or other safety equipment for any purpose not directly related to the work for which it is provided.

## **2.5 Protective clothing and equipment**

Each employer shall:

- provide, maintain and make accessible to employees the PPE necessary to avoid injury and damage to their health;
- take all reasonably practicable steps to ensure that employees use that PPE in the circumstances for which it is provided; and
- make provision at the workplace for PPE to be cleaned and securely stored without risk of damage when not required.

The application of prevention and control measures to occupational hazards should be based on comprehensive JSA. The results of these analyses should be prioritized as part of an action plan based on the likelihood and severity of the consequence of exposure to the identified hazards.

## **3. Design**

Effective management of health and safety issues requires the inclusion of health and safety considerations during design processes in an organized, hierarchical manner that includes the following steps:

- identifying project health and safety hazards and associated risks as early as possible in the project cycle including the incorporation of health and safety considerations into the worksite selection process and construction methodologies;
- involving health and safety professionals who have the experience, competence, and training necessary to assess and manage health and safety risks;
- understanding the likelihood and magnitude of health and safety risks, based on:
  - the nature of the project activities, such as whether the project will involve hazardous materials or processes;
  - The potential consequences to workers if hazards are not adequately managed;
- designing and implementing risk management strategies with the objective of reducing the risk to human health;
- prioritising strategies that eliminate the cause of the hazard at its source by selecting less hazardous materials or processes that avoid the need for health and safety controls;



- when impact avoidance is not feasible, incorporating engineering and management controls to reduce or minimize the possibility and magnitude of undesired consequences;
- preparing workers and nearby communities to respond to accidents, including providing technical resources to effectively and safely control such events;
- Improving health and safety performance through a combination of ongoing monitoring of facility performance and effective accountability.

### **3.1 Job Safety Analysis**

Job safety analysis (JSA) is a process involving the identification of potential health and safety hazards from a particular work activity and designing risk control measures to eliminate the hazards or reduce the risk to an acceptable level. JSAs must be undertaken for discrete project activities such that the risks can be readily identified, and appropriate risk management measures designed.

This Guideline includes a template for a JSA that must be completed and included as an attachment to the Health and Safety Sub-plan.

## **4. Implementation**

### **4.1 Documentation**

A Health and Safety Plan must be prepared and approved prior to any works commencing on site. The H&S Plan must demonstrate the Contractor's understanding of how to manage safety and a commitment to providing a workplace that enables all work activities to be carried out safely. The H&S Plan must detail reasonably practicable measures to eliminate or minimise risks to the health, safety and welfare of workers, contractors, visitors, and anyone else who may be affected by the operations. The H&S Plan must be prepared in accordance with the World Bank's EH&S Guidelines and the relevant country health and safety legislation.

### **4.2 Training and Awareness**

Provisions should be made to provide health and safety orientation training to all new employees to ensure they are apprised of the basic site rules of work at / on the site and of personal protection and preventing injury to fellow employees. Training should consist of basic hazard awareness, site-specific hazards, safe work practices, and emergency procedures for fire, evacuation, and natural disaster, as appropriate.

Visitors to worksites must be provided with a site induction prior to entering and must be escorted at all times while on site. This induction must include details of site hazards, provision of necessary PPE and emergency procedures. Visitors are not permitted to access to areas where hazardous conditions or substances may be present, unless appropriately inducted.

### **4.3 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) provides additional protection to workers exposed to workplace hazards in conjunction with other facility controls and safety systems.

PPE is considered to be a last resort that is above and beyond the other facility controls and provides the worker with an extra level of personal protection. The table below presents general examples of

occupational hazards and types of PPE available for different purposes. Recommended measures for use of PPE in the workplace include:

- active use of PPE if alternative technologies, work plans or procedures cannot eliminate, or sufficiently reduce, a hazard or exposure.
- identification and provision of appropriate PPE that offers adequate protection to the worker, co-workers, and occasional visitors, without incurring unnecessary inconvenience to the individual.
- proper maintenance of PPE, including cleaning when dirty and replacement when damaged or worn out. Proper use of PPE should be part of the recurrent training programs for Employees.
- selection of PPE should be based on the hazard and risk ranking described earlier in this section and selected according to criteria on performance and testing established.

Objective	Workplace Hazards	Suggested PPE
Eye and face protection	Flying particles, molten metal, liquid chemicals, gases or vapors, light radiation.	Safety Glasses with side-shields, protective shades, etc.
Head protection	Falling objects, inadequate height clearance, and overhead power cords.	Plastic Helmets with top and side impact protection.
Hearing protection	Noise, ultra-sound.	Hearing protectors (ear plugs or earmuffs).
Foot protection	Falling or rolling objects, pointed objects. Corrosive or hot liquids.	Safety shoes and boots for protection against moving & falling objects, liquids and chemicals.
Hand protection	Hazardous materials, cuts or lacerations, vibrations, extreme temperatures.	Gloves made of rubber or synthetic materials (Neoprene), leather, steel, insulating materials, etc.
Respiratory protection	Dust, fogs, fumes, mists, gases, smokes, vapors.	Facemasks with appropriate filters for dust removal and air purification (chemicals, mists, vapors and gases). Single or multi-gas personal monitors, if available.
	Oxygen deficiency	Portable or supplied air (fixed lines). On-site rescue equipment.
Body/leg protection	Extreme temperatures, hazardous materials, biological agents, cutting and laceration.	Insulating clothing, body suits aprons etc. of appropriate materials.

## 5. Monitoring

Occupational health and safety monitoring programs should verify the effectiveness of prevention and control strategies. The selected indicators should be representative of the most significant occupational, health, and safety hazards, and the implementation of prevention and control strategies. The occupational health and safety monitoring program should include:

- **Safety inspection, testing and calibration:** This should include regular inspection and testing of all safety features and hazard control measures focusing on engineering and personal protective

features, work procedures, places of work, installations, equipment, and tools used. The inspection should verify that issued PPE continues to provide adequate protection and is being worn as required.

- **Surveillance of the working environment:** Employers should document compliance using an appropriate combination of portable and stationary sampling and monitoring instruments. Monitoring and analyses should be conducted according to internationally recognized methods and standards.
- **Surveillance of workers health:** When extraordinary protective measures are required (for example, against hazardous compounds), workers should be provided appropriate and relevant health surveillance prior to first exposure, and at regular intervals thereafter.
- **Training:** Training activities for employees and visitors should be adequately monitored and documented (curriculum, duration, and participants). Emergency exercises, including fire drills, should be documented adequately.
- **Accidents and Diseases monitoring.** The employer should establish procedures and systems for reporting and recording:
  - Occupational accidents and diseases
  - Dangerous occurrences and incidents

These systems should enable workers to report immediately to their immediate supervisor any situation they believe presents a serious danger to life or health.

All reported occupational accidents, occupational diseases, dangerous occurrences, and incidents together with near misses should be investigated with the assistance of a person knowledgeable and competent in occupational safety. The investigation should:

- Establish what happened
- Determine the cause of what happened
- Identify measures necessary to prevent a recurrence

## Job Safety Analysis (JSA)

Add Organisation Name:

Ref:      Version:

<b>Business details</b>			
Business name:			
ABN:		Contact person:	
Address:		Contact position:	
Contact phone number		Contact address:	email
<b>Job Safety Analysis details</b>			
Work activity:		Location:	
Who is involved in the activity:		This job analysis has been authorised by: Name:..... Position: ..... Signature: ..... Date: .....	
Plant and equipment used:			
Maintenance checks required:			
Tools used:			
Materials used:			
Personal protective equipment:			
Certificates, permits and/approvals required			
Relevant legislation, codes, standard MSDSs etc applicable to this activity			

## Risk Assessment

\*\*Use the risk rating table to assess the level of risk for each job step.

		Likelihood				
		1	2	3	4	5
Consequence		<b>Rare</b> The event may occur in exceptional circumstances	<b>Unlikely</b> The event could occur sometimes	<b>Moderate</b> The event should occur sometimes	<b>Likely</b> The event will probably occur in most circumstances	<b>Almost Certain</b> The event is expected to occur in most circumstances
1	<b>Insignificant</b> No injuries or health issues	LOW	LOW	LOW	LOW	MODERATE
2	<b>Minor</b> First aid treatment	LOW	LOW	MODERATE	MODERATE	HIGH
3	<b>Moderate</b> Medical treatment, potential LTI	LOW	MODERATE	HIGH	HIGH	CRITICAL
4	<b>Major</b> Permanent disability or disease	LOW	MODERATE	HIGH	CRITICAL	CATASTROPHIC
5	<b>Extreme</b> Death	MODERATE	HIGH	CRITICAL	CATASTROPHIC	CATASTROPHIC

### Risk rating:

**Low risk:** Acceptable risk and no further action required as long as risk has been minimised as possible. Risk needs to be reviewed periodically.

**Moderate risk:** Tolerable with further action required to minimise risk. Risk needs to be reviewed periodically.

**High risk:** Tolerable with further action required to minimise risk. Risk needs to be reviewed continuously.

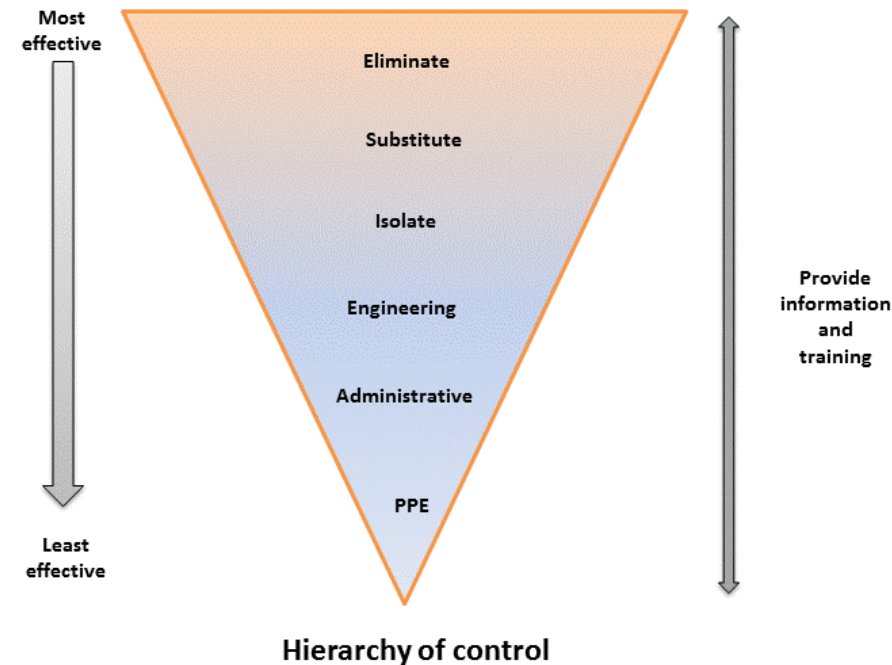
**Critical risk:** Unacceptable risk and further action required immediately to minimise risk.

**Catastrophic:** Unacceptable risk and urgent action required to minimise risk.

## Risk Controls

The hierarchy of control can be used as an effective tool to deal with health and safety issues at work. Use the type of control suggested as measures to deal with the hazard. Aim to use control measures from as high on the hierarchy of control list as possible. If that is not possible the next option down the list or a combination of the measures should be implemented. The least effective control measure is the use of personal protective equipment (PPE), and it should be used as a last resort or a support to other control measures. Information and training should be integrated with all levels of control to explain how controls work.

1. **Eliminate** – if it is possible, the hazard should be removed completely. For example, get rid of dangerous machines.
2. **Substitute** – replace something that produces the hazard with something that does not produce a hazard. For example, replacing solvent-based paint with water-based paint. Risk assessment on the substitution must be conducted to ensure that it will not pose another hazard.
3. **Engineering control** – isolate a person from the hazard by creating physical barrier or making changes to process, equipment or plant to reduce the hazard. For example, install ventilation systems.
4. **Administrative control** – change the way a person works by establishing policies and procedures to minimise the risks. For example, job scheduling to limit exposure and posting hazard signs.
5. Use **personal protective equipment (PPE)** – protect a person from the hazard by wearing PPE. For example, wearing gloves, safety glasses, hard hats and high-visibility clothing. PPE must be correctly fitted, used and maintained to provide protection.



## JSA – Action steps

Step No	Job step details	Potential hazards	Risk rating**	How to control risks***	Name of persons responsible for work

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## **Worker Planning and Management Guidelines**

### **GENERAL**

The Workers Camp Management Plan will be compliant with the specific prescriptions of the ESMP.

### **OBJECTIVES**

To provide guidelines on the recruitment of workers and the selection, development, management, maintenance and restoration of workers accommodation camp sites in order to avoid or mitigate against significant adverse environmental and social effects, both transient and permanent.

### **WORKER RECRUITMENT**

The Contractor is required to minimise the number of skilled workers that are recruited from overseas. No unskilled labour will be sourced from overseas. The Contractor will maximise the number of skilled and unskilled workers that are recruited from the community.

The Contractor will be required to provide justification for any skilled workers that the wish to recruit from overseas and explain why this position cannot be filled locally on Nendo Island or Honiara.

### **WORKERS CAMP FACILITIES**

All facilities in the Workers Camp must be complaint with the stipulations of the ESMP and the IFC Workers Accommodations and Standards. The camp shall be provided with the following minimum facilities:

- Canteen, dining hall and dormitories as required shall be constructed of suitable materials to provide a safe healthy environment for the workforce and which facilitate regular cleaning and the provision of ventilation and illumination.
- Ablution block with a minimum of one water closet toilet, one urinal and one shower per 10 personnel engaged either permanently or temporarily on the project. Separate toilet and wash facilities shall be provided for male and female employees.
- A sick bay and first aid station.
- Sewage collection facilities to allow for the treatment of black and grey wastewater discharge from toilets, washrooms, showers, kitchens, laundry and the like. The management of all camp wastewater water shall be as prescribed in the ESMP.
- All camp facilities shall be maintained in a safe clean and or appropriate condition throughout the construction period.
- The contractor shall provide, equip, and maintain adequate first aid stations and erect conspicuous notice boards directing where these are situated and provide all required transport. The contractor shall comply with the government medical or labour requirements at all times and provide, equip and maintain dressing stations where directed and at all times have experienced first aid personnel available throughout the works for attending injuries.
- Throughout the period of the contract the employer, the engineer, or their representatives shall have uninterrupted access to and from the camp for the purpose of carrying out routine inspections of all buildings, facilities or installations of whatever nature to ensure compliance with this specification.

### **WORKERS CAMP OPERATIONS**

- The Contractor will be required to provide calculations of the amount of freshwater needed for the number of workers accommodated at the camp and is to demonstrate how they will provide this water.
- The Contractor will be required to provide adequate provisions for the workers for the duration of the project so as not to deplete the available food sources of the community.
- All wastewater, solid waste, freshwater usage, noise levels, handling and storage of hazardous materials shall be as prescribed in the ESMP.

#### **MANAGEMENT OF OFF DUTY WORKERS**

- The Contractor will prepare a specific Code of Conduct to describe the expected behaviours of their project worker in relation to the local communities and their social sensitivities.
- The Contractor is to ensure that all overseas project staff undergo a cultural familiarisation session as part of their induction training. The purpose of this induction will be to introduce the project staff to the cultural sensitivities of the local communities and the expected behaviours of the staff in their interactions with these communities. The MICRO PMU shall provide to the Contractor a list of approved service providers which shall include recognized NGOs and others for conducting this training.
- The Contractor is to stipulate the conditions under which visitors may attend the workers camp. Strict visiting hours should be enforced, and all visitors will be required to sign in and out of the workers camp.
- The Contractor shall ensure that basic social/collective rest spaces are provided equipped with seating within the Workers Camp to help minimise the impact that the workers would have on the leisure and recreational facilities of the nearby communities. Provisions should also be made to provide the workers with an active recreation space within the camp.

#### **WORKERS CAMP MANAGEMENT PLAN**

A Workers Camp Management Plan shall be submitted as an annex to the CEMSP. The Workers Camp Management Plan shall describe how this document, the ESMP and the IFC Guidelines shall be implemented in the following:

- Recruitment strategy
- Accommodation
- Canteen and dining areas
- Ablutions
- Water supply
- Wastewater management system
- Proposed power supply
- Full Code of Conduct for Workers
- Recreational/leisure facilities for workers
- Visitors to the Workers Camp
- Interactions with the local communities

## **QUARRY MANAGEMENT SUB-PLAN GUIDELINE**

### **1. Objective**

The objective of this Sub-plan is to prescribe the safety requirements for the development and operation of quarries and define procedures and works to mitigate adverse environmental effects.

### **2. Planning and Design**

#### **2.1 Quarry Sites**

During the planning of a development project which will involve earthworks, potential quarry sites shall be identified. The potential sites shall be discussed during public consultations regarding the project.

#### **2.2 Land Acquisition**

The Contractor will make lease arrangements with the titled landowner prior to any quarrying. The lease agreement must be approved by the Supervision Engineer and included in the CESMP. The government-issued land lease rates shall be applied, and all lease agreements will be entered into knowingly and voluntarily.

The consultant shall define potential quarry sites that may be used for the construction of the project. Such potential sites shall be identified on plans drawn to an appropriate scale and the plans shall be displayed and discussed during public consultations.

#### **2.3 Site Plans**

Site plans for quarry development shall be included in drawings issued for tender and the specification shall define the requirements of the contract in relation to quarry development and operation. The following design directives shall apply:

It is desirable that no quarry boundary is located within 500 metres of a public area or town or village nor within 300 metres of any isolated dwelling. The designer shall provide site plans of potential quarry sites in the tender documents. Such plans shall show existing level contours, access road, natural water courses and other relevant topographical features.

The area defined for quarry operation shall be based on the volume of aggregate to be quarried and hence the extent of quarry operation. It shall also provide the area necessary for stockpiling stripped overburden, the establishment of a crusher and screening plant, the stockpiling of crushed aggregate and the installation of stormwater cut off drains, silt retention ponds and staff amenities.

### **3. Construction**

#### **3.1 Quarry Management Plan**

Prior to commencing any physical works on site, a quarry development plan shall be prepared and approved by the Engineer and ECD. The quarry management plan shall have due regard for the following:

- All operations shall comply with the laws of the Solomon Islands.
- Show the extent of overburden stripping and the stockpiling of same for later site restoration.

- Show the details and location of surface water drainage from the quarry site and the silt retention pond that will be constructed to settle silt and soil-contaminated water prior to its discharge to a natural water course.
- Show details of catch drains installed to intercept the overland flow of surface water to prevent its discharge into the quarry area.
- State safety precautions to be implemented.
- Show facilities such as guardhouse, amenities block and other facilities to be constructed.
- Show the location of aggregate stockpiles.
- List plant and equipment to be used in the development and operation of the quarry.
- Show the site of the proposed magazine for the storage of explosives.

On no account shall physical works be commenced for the development of the quarry until an agreed Quarry Management Plan has been submitted to the Engineer. Thereafter, all quarry operations shall be the entire responsibility of the contractor and shall be carried out in terms of the agreed management plan.

### **3.2 Safety Provisions**

The following provisions shall be made in the operation of any quarry for the safety of all employees or people on site:

- A daily register is to be maintained to identify all personnel who are engaged in or about the quarry.
- All persons engaged in the operation of the quarry shall be trained and have sufficient knowledge of and experience in the type of operation in which they are engaged.
- All persons engaged in the operation of the quarry shall be adequately supervised.
- Approved lighting shall be provided in working places where natural lighting is inadequate to provide safe working conditions.
- All personnel engaged in quarry operations shall wear a protective helmet of approved type at all times when on the quarry site.
- All personnel shall wear protective footwear while engaged in quarry operations.
- All employees engaged in operations on a quarry face at a height greater than 1.5 metres above the level of the quarry floor or bench floor shall be attached at all times to a properly secured safety rope by means of a safety belt.
- All persons whose duty it is to attend to moving machinery in or about any quarry shall wear close fitting and close fastened garments. Their hair shall be cut short or securely fixed and confined close to their head.
- All boilers, compressors, engines, gears, crushing and screening equipment and all moving parts of machinery shall be kept in a safe condition. Every flywheel and exposed moving parts of machinery shall be fitted with safety screens or safety fenced as appropriate.
- All elevated platforms, walkways and ladders shall be provided with adequate hand or safety rails or cages.
- Machinery shall not be cleaned manually while it is in motion nor oiled or greased while in motion.

Should any of the above safety measures be ignored or inoperative at any time then the engineer shall direct that quarry operations cease until all safety measures are provided and are in operating order.

### **3.3 Provision of First Aid**

At every quarry there shall be provided the following first aid equipment:

- A suitably constructed stretcher with a warm, dry blanket.
- A first-aid box equipped to a standard acceptable to the Ministry of Health.

The quarry manager shall personally inspect the first-aid equipment at least once every working week to ensure that it complies with the requirements of this specification. Any supplies used from the first-aid box shall be replaced forthwith.

A person trained in first aid to the injured shall be available at the quarry during all operational periods of whatever nature.

### **3.4 Health Provisions**

At every quarry a sufficient number of toilets and urinals shall be provided for the use of employees and shall be properly maintained and kept in a clean condition.

At every quarry a supply of potable water, sufficient for the needs of the persons employed, shall be provided. If persons are employed in places remote from the source of water supply, suitable clean containers of potable water shall be provided for their use.

Suitable facilities for washing shall be provided and maintained in a clean and tidy condition to the satisfaction of the employer, and those facilities shall be conveniently accessible for the use of persons employed in or about the quarry.

### **3.5 Quarry Manager**

A manager who is experienced in all aspects of quarry operation and in particular safety procedures shall control every quarry. The manager shall be personally responsible for ensuring that all safety facilities are available and that safety procedures are followed.

The contractor shall nominate an experienced quarry manager in the submission of the tender for the works. The quarry manager shall have a recognised current "A" grade quarry manager's surface certificate, and a recognised current quarry shot firer's certificate.

In the submission of the quarry manager's credentials with the tender documents, the contractor shall ensure that the credentials include certified true copies of the following documents:

- Grade quarry manager's surface certificate
- Quarry shot firer's certificate
- References from previous clients or employers demonstrating experience in:
  - The design and layout of quarries including the layout of benches, faces, access roads, drainage and crushing plant.
  - The methods of working quarry faces with particular reference to face stability and the safety of persons employed in or about the quarry
  - The safety of the public at large
  - The provision for and application of first aid.

The quarry manager's duties shall include:

- daily, within two hours immediately before the commencement of the first working shift of the day in any part of the quarry, inspect every working place and travelling road, and all adjacent places from which danger might arise, and shall forthwith make a true report of the

inspection in a record book kept for the purpose at the quarry. The record book shall be accessible to the engineer and the persons employed in or about the quarry.

- at least once in every 24 hours examine the state of the safety appliances or gear connected with quarrying operations in the quarry and shall record the examination in the record book.
- once in each week carefully examine the buildings, machinery, faces, benches, and all working places used in the quarrying operations, and shall forthwith after every such examination record in writing in the record book his opinion as to their condition and safety and as to any alterations or repairs required to ensure greater safety of the persons employed in the working of the quarry. The manager shall then ensure that any such alterations or repairs are carried out.

### **3.6 Vegetation**

Vegetation shall be stripped from the proposed quarry development area. Before stripping any vegetation, a survey shall be undertaken to determine the presence of any rare plant species. All necessary steps shall be taken to save plants classified as important. Care shall be taken to avoid damage to any vegetation outside the defined quarry area. On no account shall burning of vegetation be permitted.

### **3.7 Overburden Stripping**

Overburden stripped from any proposed quarry area shall be stockpiled clear of the quarry operation to be used for site restoration at the completion of operations. Stockpiles shall be shaped and smoothed to minimize ingress of rainwater.

Surface water runoff from stockpiles shall be intercepted by perimeter drains which shall be discharged to silt retention ponds.

Batters in overburden excavation shall be sloped to ensure they are safe and stable against failure.

The maximum height of any batter in overburden shall be 3 meters. Any higher batter in overburden shall have an intermediate bench at least 3.5 metres in width. Such benches shall be shaped and drained.

### **3.8 Blasting Operations**

Blasting operations shall be conducted in a manner that will not cause danger to life or property.

All explosives shall be stored in purpose built locked magazines on a site within the quarry boundary but remote from blasting operations. Detonators shall be stored in a separate locked magazine but similarly sited.

A blasting operations manual shall be prepared for any quarry and such manual, which shall be maintained by the quarry manager, shall stipulate procedures for at least the following:

- Operation of magazines for the storage of explosives and for the storage of detonators.
- The quantity of explosive that may be removed from a magazine at any one time.
- The procedure for quarry explosive cases.
- Persons allowed to fire shots.
- Explosives to be carried in securely covered containers.
- Tamping of explosives.
- Diameter of drill holes.
- Time when charges are to be fired.
- Detonation delay.

- Firing warnings.
- Blasting shelters.
- Treatment of misfired charges
- Inspection of work site after each detonation by the quarry manager or an approved person appointed in writing by the quarry manager.

A person specially appointed in writing by the quarry manager for the purpose shall be in charge of every magazine and shall have keys to one of the locks. That person shall be responsible for the safe storage of explosives contained therein, for the distribution of explosives therefrom, and for the keeping of accurate records of stocks and issues in a book provided for the purpose. A second person, appointed by the employer shall have keys to the second lock. Both persons shall be present to unlock the magazine and note the removal of stock and ensure both locks are subsequently secured.

- Explosives shall be used in the same order as that in which they were received into the magazine.
- Naked lights shall not be introduced into a magazine or into any working place in a quarry where explosives are temporarily stored.
- Explosives shall not be taken from a magazine in quantities exceeding that required for use during one shift, and any surplus explosives shall be returned to the magazine at the end of that shift.
- No case or carton containing explosives shall be opened in the storage area of any magazine.
- Instruments made solely of wood, brass, or copper shall be used in opening cases or cartons of explosives, and the contractor shall provide and keep suitable instruments for that purpose.
- The preparation of charges and the charging, tamping, and firing of all explosive charges in or about a quarry shall be carried out under the personal supervision of the quarry manager.

### **3.9 Dust Suppression**

Operation of any quarry shall incorporate dust suppression measures. Dust generation during blasting operations shall be minimised. All haul roads shall be regularly dampened by spray bars fitted to water tankers or similar systems in order to minimise dust generation by traffic movements. Crushers, screens and stockpiles shall be dampened by appropriate water sprays to minimise dust generation.

## **4. Rehabilitation**

A realistic Rehabilitation Plan will be developed, and rehabilitation planning shall begin as early as possible in the quarry life cycle in order to be fully effective. Once objectives are set, rehabilitation activities should be defined and performed in order to achieve these goals.

The objectives of a rehabilitation plan should be based upon the specific characteristics of the extraction site and should reflect:

- Legislative requirements
- Health and safety considerations
- Environmental and social characteristics of the quarry and surrounding area
- Biodiversity of area
- Ecosystem services provided within the site's ecological boundaries
- Operating plan for the quarry – technical feasibility of the rehabilitation objectives will be affected by the manner in which the quarry operates
- Status of the quarrying area of existing operating site

- Characteristics of the deposit (geology and hydrology)
- Impacts arising from the operation of the site
- Post closure land use plan

Rehabilitation plans should be adopted by the following structure:

- a. Context
- b. Objectives
- c. Action plans
- d. Prioritized actions and schedule
- e. Monitoring and evaluation
- f. Rehabilitation and post-closure costs
- g. Roles and responsibilities
- h. Compatibility with biodiversity

## **5. Consent**

### **5.1 Consent Required**

In accordance with the Mines and Minerals Act 1996) and any other relevant legislation, any person who engages in quarry development or operations shall first obtain Building Materials Permit for the proposed activity.

### **5.2 Application for Consent**

Permit applications shall be on an approved form and shall be submitted by to the Commissioner. Applications shall be accompanied by such other documents as ECD may require. The Commissioner must not issue or renew any permit unless a copy of the application has been exhibited for a period of not less than 30 days at the headquarters of the area council of the local government council responsible for the land which is the subject of the application.

### **5.3 Special Conditions**

The Commissioner may, by notice served on the applicant, require further information in respect of the application as the Commissioner considers relevant or necessary. The applicant must comply with the notice.



## Appendix E: SIRAP2 Code of Conduct and Action Plan for the Prevention of GBV and SAE

### CODES OF CONDUCT AND ACTION PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTING

### ESHS AND OHS STANDARDS, AND

### PREVENTING GENDER BASED VIOLENCE ON

### PACIFIC ISLAND COUNTRY TRANSPORT PROJECTS

#### Background

The purpose of these *Codes of Conduct and Action Plan for Implementing ESHS and OHS Standards, and Preventing Gender Based Violence* is to introduce a set of key definitions, core Codes of Conduct, and guidelines for application on World Bank financed transport projects in Pacific Island Countries (PICs) that:

- i. clearly define obligations on all project staff (including sub-contractors and day workers) with regard to implementing the project's environmental, social, health and safety (ESHS) and occupational health and safety (OHS) requirements, and;
- ii. help prevent, report and address Gender Based Violence (GBV) within the work site and in its immediate surrounding communities.

The application of these Codes of Conduct will help ensure the project meets its ESHS and OHS objectives, as well as preventing and/or mitigating the risks of GBV on the project and in the local communities.

These Codes of Conduct are to be adopted by all those working on the project—including subcontractors—and are meant to:

- i. create awareness of the ESHS and OHS expectations on the project;
- ii. create common awareness about GBV and:
  - (a) ensure a shared understanding that GBV has no place on the project; and,
  - (b) create a clear system for identifying, responding to, and sanctioning GBV incidents.

Ensuring that all project staff understand the values of the project, understanding expectations for all employees, and acknowledging the consequences for violations of these values, will help to create smoother, more respectful and productive project implementation thereby helping ensure that the project's development objectives will be achieved.

## Definitions

The following definitions apply:

### ESHS and General Project

- **Environmental, Social, Health and Safety (ESHS):** an umbrella term covering issues related to the impact of the project on the environment, communities and workers.
- **Occupational Health and Safety (OHS):** Occupational health and safety is concerned with protecting the safety, health and welfare of people engaged in work or employment, and the surrounding communities. The enjoyment of these standards at the highest levels is a basic human right that should be accessible by each worker.
- **Key Documents:**
  - **Project Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP):** The safeguards document prepared prior to project approval by the World Bank identifying the activities to be undertaken, key risks (based on ESIA if available), and their mitigation measures.
  - **Contractors Environmental and Social Management Plan (C-ESMP):** the plan prepared by the contractor outlining how they will implement the works activities in accordance with the project's environmental and social management plan (ESMP). As shown in Figure 2, the C-ESMP also contains a number of management plans, in particular, the OHS Management Plan.
  - **Codes of Conduct:** the Codes of Conduct adopted for the project (or individual companies) covering the commitment of the company, and the responsibilities of managers and individuals with regards to ESHS, OHS and GBV.
- **Key Project Actors:**
  - **Consultant:** is as any firm, company, organization or other institution that has been awarded a contract to provide consulting services to the project, and has hired managers and/or employees to conduct this work.
  - **Contractor:** is any firm, company, organization or other institution that has been awarded a contract to conduct infrastructure development works for the project and has hired managers and/or employees to conduct this work. This also includes sub-contractors hired to undertake activities on behalf of the contractor.
  - **Manager:** is any individual offering labor to the contractor or consultant, on or off the work site, under a formal or informal employment contract and in exchange for a salary, with responsibility to control or direct the activities of a contractor's or consultant's team, unit, division or similar, and to supervise and manage a pre-defined number of employees.
  - **Employee:** is any individual offering labor to the contractor or consultant within country on or off the work site, under a formal or informal employment contract or arrangement, typically, but not necessarily (e.g. including unpaid interns and volunteers), in exchange for a salary, with no responsibility to manage or supervise other employees.
- **Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM):** is the process established by a project to receive and address complaints related to the project—not just GBV but related to any aspect of the project. The GRM needs to: (i) allow for multiple channels to receive complaints; (ii) be readily

accessible, allowing complaints to be made in different ways; and, (iii) have appropriate protocols to handle GBV complaints including empathetic listening and assurance of confidentiality.

- **Work Site:** is the area in which infrastructure development works are being conducted, as part of the project. Consulting assignments are considered to have the areas in which they are active as their work sites.
- **Work Site Surroundings:** is the ‘Project Area of Influence’ which are any area, urban or rural, directly affected by the project, including all human settlements found in it.

GBV

**Key definitions:** With reference to the focus areas for in Figure 1, there are a number of key definitions for understanding GBV:

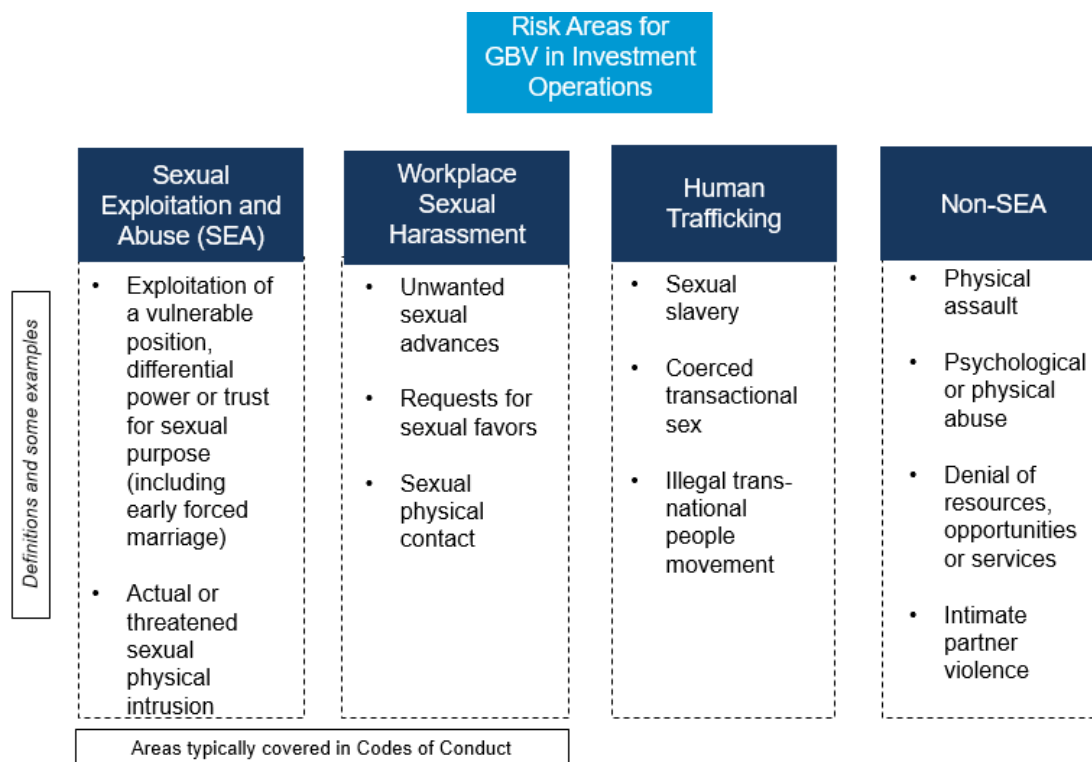


Figure 1: Types of GBV that may be Exacerbated by Investment Operations

**Codes of Conduct Focus**

These Codes of Conduct specifically focus on the following forms of GBV - Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) and Sexual Harassment as they represent high risk areas in the context of investment operations.

- **Gender Based Violence (GBV):** is an umbrella term for any harmful act that is perpetrated against a person’s will and that is based on socially ascribed (that is, gender) differences between male and female individuals. GBV includes acts that inflict physical, mental, or sexual harm or suffering; threats of such acts; and coercion and other deprivations of liberty, whether occurring in public or in private life.
- **Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA):** Sexual Exploitation is a facet of GBV that is defined as any actual or attempted abuse of a position of vulnerability, differential power, or trust for sexual purposes, including but not limited to, profiting monetarily, socially or politically from the sexual exploitation of another. In the context of World Bank supported projects, SEA occurs against a beneficiary or member of the community.
  - **Sexual abuse** is further defined as the actual or threatened physical intrusion of a sexual nature whether by force or under unequal or coercive conditions.
  - **Child sexual abuse:** is defined by the age of the survivor. It includes different forms of sexual violence, involves either explicit force or coercion or cases in which the survivor cannot consent because of his or her age. Sexual activity with anyone below the age of 18, except in cases of pre-existing marriage, constitutes child sexual abuse. Mistaken belief regarding the age of the child and/or receipt of consent from the child is not a defense.
- **Sexual harassment:** occurs between personnel and staff on the project and involves any unwelcome sexual advance or unwanted verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature. (e.g. looking somebody up and down; kissing; whistling and catcalls; in some instances, giving personal gifts). The distinction between the SEA and sexual harassment is important so that agency policies and staff trainings can include specific instruction on the procedures to report each.
  - **Sexual favors:** is a form of sexual harassment and includes making promises of favorable treatment (e.g. promotion) or threats of unfavorable treatment (e.g. loss of job) dependent on sexual acts—or other forms of humiliating, degrading or exploitative behavior.
- **Child protection (CP):** Is an activity or initiative designed to protect children from any form of harm, particularly arising from child abuse and exploitation.
  - **Child:** is used interchangeably with the term ‘minor’ and refers to a person under the age of 18. This is in accordance with Article 1 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.
  - **Child Abuse and Exploitation (CAE):** the physical, sexual or psychological harm of children including using for profit, labor, sexual gratification, or some other personal or financial advantage. This also includes other activities such as using computers, mobile phones, or video and digital cameras appropriately, and never to exploit or harass children or to access child pornography through any mediums
  - **Grooming:** are behaviors that make it easier for a perpetrator to procure a child for sexual activity. For example, an offender might build a relationship of trust with the child and then seek to sexualize that relationship (for example by encouraging romantic feelings or exposing the child to sexual concepts through pornography).

- **Online Grooming:** is the act of sending an electronic message to a recipient who the sender believes to be a minor, with the intention of developing a relationship of trust that can be abused by procuring the recipient to engage in or submit to sexual activity with another person, including but not necessarily limited to the sender. This includes engaging in online sexual activities, such as messages, videos and photos with sexual content either sent to or procured from a child.

**Other definitions:** In addressing the issues raised above related to GBV there are a number of considerations which need to be clearly defined:

- **Rape:** non-consensual penetration (however slight) of the vagina, anus or mouth with a penis, other body part, or an object.
- **Consent:** refers to when an adult makes an informed choice to agree freely and voluntarily to do something. In accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, the World Bank considers that consent cannot be given by children under the age of 18, even if national legislation of the country into which the CoC is introduced has a lower age. Mistaken belief regarding the age of the child and consent from the child is not a defense. There is **no** consent when agreement is obtained through:
  - The use of threats, force or other forms of coercion, abduction, fraud, manipulation, deception, or misrepresentation,
  - The use of a threat to withhold a benefit to which the person is already entitled, or,
  - A promise made to the person to provide a benefit.
- **Perpetrator:** the person(s) who commit(s) or threaten(s) to commit an act or acts of GBV.
- **Survivor/Survivors:** the person(s) adversely affected by GBV. Women, men and children can be survivors of GBV.
- **GBV Service Provider:** is an independent organization trusted by the local communities with the skills and resources to provide support to survivors of GBV, as well as training to reduce the risks of GBV.
- **Third-Party Monitor (TPM) or Independent Verification Agent (IVA):** an organization commissioned to independently monitor and report on the effectiveness of the implementation of the GBV activities on the project. TPMs are financed independent of the project; IVAs are financed by the project.
- **Investigation and resolution of GBV allegations:**
  - **GBV Allegation Procedure:** is the prescribed procedure to be followed when reporting incidents of GBV.
  - **Accountability Measures:** are the measures put in place to ensure the confidentiality of survivors and to hold contractors, consultants and the client responsible for instituting a fair system of addressing cases of GBV.
  - **Response Protocol:** are the mechanisms set in place to respond to cases of GBV.
  - **GBV Complaints Team (GCT):** a team established by the project to address GBV issues.

## Codes of Conduct

This chapter presents three Codes of Conduct for use:

- i. **Company Code of Conduct:** Commits the company to addressing EHS, OHS and GBV issues;
- ii. **Manager’s Code of Conduct:** Commits managers to implementing the Company Code of Conduct, as well as those signed by individuals; and,
- iii. **Individual Code of Conduct:** Code of Conduct for everyone working on the project, including managers.

## Company Code of Conduct

### Implementing ESHS and OHS Standards

#### Preventing Gender Based Violence

The company is committed to ensuring that the project is implemented in such a way which minimizes any negative impacts on the local environment, communities, and its workers. This will be done by respecting the environmental, social, health and safety (ESHS) standards, and ensuring appropriate occupational health and safety (OHS) standards are met. The company is also committed to creating and maintaining an environment where children under the age of 18 will be protected, and where Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) and sexual harassment have no place. Improper actions towards children, SEA and sexual harassment are acts of Gender Based Violence (GBV) and as such will not be tolerated by any employee, sub-contractors, supplier, associate, or representative of the company.

Therefore, to ensure that all those engaged in the project are aware of this commitment, the company commits to the following core principles and minimum standards of behavior that will apply to all company employees, associates, and representatives, including sub-contractors and suppliers, without exception:

#### General

1. The company—and therefore all employees, associates, representatives, sub-contractors and suppliers—commits to complying with all relevant national laws, rules and regulations.
2. The company commits to full implementing its ‘Contractors Environmental and Social Management Plan’ (C-ESMP) as approved by the client.
3. The company commits to treating women, children (persons under the age of 18), and men with respect regardless of race, color, language, religion, political or other opinion, national, ethnic or social origin, property, disability, birth or other status. Acts of GBV are in violation of this commitment.
4. The company shall ensure that interactions with local community members are done with respect and non-discrimination.
5. Demeaning, threatening, harassing, abusive, culturally inappropriate, or sexually provocative language and behavior are prohibited among all company employees, associates, and its representatives, including sub-contractors and suppliers.
6. The company will follow all reasonable work instructions (including regarding environmental and social norms).
7. The company will protect and ensure proper use of property (for example, to prohibit theft, carelessness or waste).

#### Health and Safety

8. The company will ensure that the project’s OHS Management Plan is effectively implemented by company’s staff, as well as sub-contractors and suppliers.
9. The company will ensure that all persons on-site wear prescribed and appropriate personal protective equipment, preventing avoidable accidents, and reporting conditions or practices that pose a safety hazard or threaten the environment.
10. The company will:
  - i. prohibit the use of alcohol during work activities.
  - ii. prohibit the use of narcotics or other substances which can impair faculties at all times.

11. The company will ensure that adequate sanitation facilities are available on site and at any worker accommodations provided to those working on the project.
12. The company will not hire children under the age of 18 for construction work, or allow them on the work site, due to the hazardous nature of construction sites.

### **Gender Based Violence**

13. Acts of GBV constitute gross misconduct and are therefore grounds for sanctions, which may include penalties and/or termination of employment and, if appropriate, referral to the Police for further action.
14. All forms of GBV, are unacceptable, regardless of whether they take place on the work site, the work site surroundings, at worker's camps or within the local community.
15. Sexual harassment of work personnel and staff (e.g. making unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature) are acts of GBV and are prohibited.
16. Sexual favors (e.g. making promises of favorable treatment such as promotions, threats of unfavorable treatment such as losing a job, payments in kind or in cash dependent on sexual acts) and any form of humiliating, degrading or exploitative behavior are prohibited.
17. The use of prostitution in any form at any time is strictly prohibited.
18. Sexual contact or activity with children under 18—including through digital media—is prohibited. Mistaken belief regarding the age of a child is not a defense. Consent from the child is also not a defense or excuse.
19. Unless there is full consent<sup>52</sup> by all parties involved in the sexual act, sexual interactions between the company's employees (at any level) and members of the communities surrounding the workplace are prohibited. This includes relationships involving the withholding/promise of actual provision of benefit (monetary or non-monetary) to community members in exchange for sex (including prostitution). Such sexual activity is considered "non-consensual" within the scope of this Code.
20. In addition to company sanctions, legal prosecution of those who commit acts of GBV will be pursued if appropriate.
21. All employees, including volunteers and sub-contractors are highly encouraged to report suspected or actual acts of GBV by a fellow worker, whether in the same company or not. Reports must be made in accordance with project's GBV Allegation Procedures.
22. Managers are required to report and act to address suspected or actual acts of GBV as they have a responsibility to uphold company commitments and hold their direct reports responsible.

### **Implementation**

To ensure that the above principles are implemented effectively the company commits to:

23. Ensuring that all managers sign the project's 'Manager's Code of Conduct' detailing their responsibilities for implementing the company's commitments and enforcing the responsibilities in the 'Individual Code of Conduct'.

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<sup>52</sup> **Consent:** refers to when an adult makes an informed choice to agree freely and voluntarily to do something. There is **no** consent when agreement is obtained through the use of threats, force or other forms of coercion, abduction, fraud, manipulation, deception, or misrepresentation; the use of a threat to withhold a benefit to which the person is already entitled, or; a promise made to the person to provide a benefit. In accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, the World Bank considers that consent cannot be given by children under the age of 18, even if national legislation of the country into which the Code of Conduct is introduced has a lower age. Mistaken belief regarding the age of the child and consent from the child is not a defense.



24. Ensuring that all employees sign the project's 'Individual Code of Conduct' confirming their agreement to comply with ESHS and OHS standards, and not to engage in activities resulting in GBV, child endangerment or abuse, or sexual harassment.
25. Displaying the Company and Individual Codes of Conduct prominently and in clear view at workers' camps, offices, and in public areas of the workspace. Examples of areas include waiting, rest and lobby areas of sites, canteen areas and health clinics.
26. Ensuring that posted and distributed copies of the Company and Individual Codes of Conduct are translated into the appropriate language of use in the work site areas as well as for any international staff in their native language.
27. Ensuring that an appropriate person is nominated as the company's 'Focal Point' for addressing GBV issues, including representing the company on the GBV Complaints Team (GCT) which is comprised of representatives from the client, contractor(s), the supervision consultant, and local GBV Service Provider.
28. Ensuring that an effective GBV Action Plan is developed in consultation with the GCT which includes as a minimum:
  - i. **GBV Allegation Procedure** to report GBV issues through the project Grievance Redress Mechanism (Section 4.3 Action Plan);
  - ii. **Accountability Measures** to protect confidentiality of all involved (Section 4.4 Action Plan); and,
  - iii. **Response Protocol** applicable to GBV survivors and perpetrators (Section 4.7 Action Plan).
29. Ensuring that the company effectively implements the agreed final GBV Action Plan, providing feedback to the GCT for improvements and updates as appropriate.
30. Ensuring that all employees attend an induction training course prior to commencing work on site to ensure they are familiar with the company's commitments to ESHS and OHS standards, and the project's GBV Codes of Conduct.
31. Ensuring that all employees attend a mandatory training course once a month for the duration of the contract starting from the first induction training prior to commencement of work to reinforce the understanding of the project's ESHS and OHS standards and the GBV Code of Conduct.

*I do hereby acknowledge that I have read the foregoing Company Code of Conduct, and on behalf of the company agree to comply with the standards contained therein. I understand my role and responsibilities to support the project's OHS and ESHS standards, and to prevent and respond to GBV. I understand that any action inconsistent with this Company Code of Conduct or failure to act mandated by this Company Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action.*

Company name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Manager's Code of Conduct

### Implementing ESHS and OHS Standards

#### Preventing Gender Based Violence

The company is committed to ensuring that the project is implemented in such a way which minimizes any negative impacts on the local environment, communities, and its workers. This will be done by respecting the environmental, social, health and safety (ESHS) standards, and ensuring appropriate occupational health and safety (OHS) standards are met. The company is also committed to creating and maintaining an environment where children under the age of 18 will be protected, and where Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) and sexual harassment have no place. Improper actions towards children, SEA and sexual harassment are acts of Gender Based Violence (GBV) and as such will not be tolerated by any employee, sub-contractors, supplier, associate, or representative of the company.

Managers at all levels have a responsibility to uphold the company's commitment. Managers need to support and promote the implementation of the Company Code of Conduct. To that end, managers must adhere to this Manager's Code of Conduct and also to sign the Individual Code of Conduct. This commits them to supporting the implementation of the Contractor's Environmental and Social Management Plan (C-ESMP), the OHS Management Plan, and developing systems that facilitate the implementation of the GBV Action Plan.

Managers need to maintain a safe workplace, as well as a GBV-free environment at the workplace and in the local community. Their responsibilities to achieve this include but are not limited to:

#### Implementation

1. To ensure maximum effectiveness of the Company and Individual Codes of Conduct:
  - i. Prominently displaying the Company and Individual Codes of Conduct in clear view at workers' camps, offices, and in public areas of the workspace. Examples of areas include waiting, rest and lobby areas of sites, canteen areas and health clinics.
  - ii. Ensuring all posted and distributed copies of the Company and Individual Codes of Conduct are translated into the appropriate language of use in the work site areas as well as for any international staff in their native language.
2. Verbally and in writing explain the Company and Individual Codes of Conduct to all staff.
3. Ensure that:
  - i. All direct reports sign the 'Individual Code of Conduct', including acknowledgment that they have read and agree with the Code of Conduct.
  - ii. Staff lists and signed copies of the Individual Code of Conduct are provided to the OHS Manager, the GBV Complaints Team (GCT), and the client.
  - iii. Participate in training and ensure that staff also participate as outlined below.
  - iv. Put in place a mechanism for staff to:
    - (a) report concerns on ESHS or OHS compliance; and,
    - (b) confidentially report GBV incidents through the Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)

- v. Staff are encouraged to report suspected or actual ESHS, OHS, GBV issues, emphasizing the staff's responsibility to the Company and the country hosting their employment, and emphasizing the respect for confidentiality.
4. In compliance with applicable laws and to the best of your abilities, prevent perpetrators of sexual exploitation and abuse from being hired, re-hired or deployed. Use background and criminal reference checks for all employees nor ordinarily resident in the country where the works are taking place.
5. Ensure that when engaging in partnership, sub-contractor, supplier or similar agreements, these agreements:
  - i. Incorporate the ESHS, OHS, GBV Codes of Conduct as an attachment.
  - ii. Include the appropriate language requiring such contracting entities and individuals, and their employees and volunteers, to comply with the Individual Codes of Conduct.
  - iii. Expressly state that the failure of those entities or individuals, as appropriate, to ensure compliance with the ESHS and OHS standards, take preventive measures against GBV, to investigate allegations thereof, or to take corrective actions when GBV has occurred, shall not only constitute grounds for sanctions and penalties in accordance with the Individual Codes of Conduct but also termination of agreements to work on or supply the project.
6. Provide support and resources to the GCT to create and disseminate internal sensitization initiatives through the awareness-raising strategy under the GBV Action Plan.
7. Ensure that any GBV complaint warranting Police action is reported to the Police, the client and the World Bank immediately.
8. Report and act in accordance with the agreed response protocol any suspected or actual acts of GBV.
9. Ensure that any major ESHS or OHS incidents are reported to the client and the supervision engineer immediately, non-major issues in accordance with the agreed reporting protocol.
10. Ensure that children under the age of 18 are not present at the construction site or engaged in any hazardous activities.

## **Training**

11. The managers are responsible to:
  - i. Ensure that the OHS Management Plan is implemented, with suitable training required for all staff, including sub-contractors and suppliers; and,
  - ii. Ensure that staff have a suitable understanding of the C-ESMP and are trained as appropriate to implement the C-ESMP requirements.
12. All managers are required to attend an induction manager training course prior to commencing work on site to ensure that they are familiar with their roles and responsibilities in upholding the GBV elements of these Codes of Conduct. This training will be separate from the induction training course required of all employees and will provide managers with the necessary understanding and technical support needed to begin to develop the GBV Action Plan for addressing GBV issues.
13. Managers are required to attend and assist with the project facilitated monthly training courses for all employees. Managers will be required to introduce the trainings and announce the self-evaluations, including collecting satisfaction surveys to evaluate training experiences and provide advice on improving the effectiveness of training.
14. Ensure that time is provided during work hours and that staff prior to commencing work on site attend the mandatory project facilitated induction training on:
  - i. OHS and ESHS; and,
  - ii. GBV required of all employees.
15. During civil works, ensure that staff attend ongoing OHS and ESHS training, as well as the monthly mandatory refresher training course required of all employees to on GBV.

## **Response**

16. Managers will be required to take appropriate actions to address any ESHS or OHS incidents.

17. Regarding GBV:
  - i. Provide input to the GBV Allegation Procedures and Response Protocol developed by the GCT as part of the final cleared GBV Action Plan.
  - ii. Once adopted by the Company, managers will uphold the Accountability Measures set forth in the GBV Action Plan to maintain the confidentiality of all employees who report or (allegedly) perpetrate incidences of GBV (unless a breach of confidentiality is required to protect persons or property from serious harm or where required by law).
  - iii. If a manager develops concerns or suspicions regarding any form of GBV by one of his/her direct reports, or by an employee working for another contractor on the same work site, s/he is required to report the case using the GRM.
  - iv. Once a sanction has been determined, the relevant manager(s) is/are expected to be personally responsible for ensuring that the measure is effectively enforced, within a maximum timeframe of 14 days from the date on which the decision to sanction was made by the GCT.
  - v. If a Manager has a conflict of interest due to personal or familial relationships with the survivor and/or perpetrator, he/she must notify the Company and the GCT. The Company will be required to appoint another manager without a conflict of interest to respond to complaints.
  - vi. Ensure that any GBV issue warranting Police action is reported to the Police, the client and the World Bank immediately
18. Managers failing address ESHS or OHS incidents or failing to report or comply with the GBV provisions may be subject to disciplinary measures, to be determined and enacted by the company's CEO, Managing Director or equivalent highest-ranking manager. Those measures may include:
  - i. Informal warning.
  - ii. Formal warning.
  - iii. Additional Training.
  - iv. Loss of up to one week's salary.
  - v. Suspension of employment (without payment of salary), for a minimum period of 1 month up to a maximum of 6 months.
  - vi. Termination of employment.
19. Ultimately, failure to effectively respond to ESHS, OHS, and GBV cases on the work site by the company's managers or CEO may provide grounds for legal actions by authorities.

*I do hereby acknowledge that I have read the foregoing Manager's Code of Conduct, do agree to comply with the standards contained therein and understand my roles and responsibilities to prevent and respond to ESHS, OHS, and GBV requirements. I understand that any action inconsistent with this Manager's Code of Conduct or failure to act mandated by this Manager's Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Individual Code of Conduct

### Implementing ESHS and OHS Standards

#### Preventing Gender Based Violence

I, \_\_\_\_\_, acknowledge that adhering to environmental, social, health and safety (ESHS) standards, following the project's occupational health and safety (OHS) requirements, and preventing Gender Based Violence (GBV) is important.

The Company considers that failure to follow ESHS and OHS standards, or to partake in activities constituting GBV—be it on the work site, the work site surroundings, at workers' camps, or the surrounding communities—constitute acts of gross misconduct and are therefore grounds for sanctions, penalties or potential termination of employment. Prosecution by the Police of those who commit GBV may be pursued if appropriate.

I agree that while working on the project I will:

- Consent to Police background check.
- Attend and actively partake in training courses related to ESHS, OHS, and GBV as requested by my employer.
- Will wear my personal protective equipment (PPE) at all times when at the work site or engaged in project related activities.
- Take all practical steps to implement the contractor's environmental and social management plan (C-ESMP).
- Implement the OHS Management Plan.
- Adhere to a zero-alcohol policy during work activities, and refrain from the use of narcotics or other substances which can impair faculties at all times.
- Treat women, children (persons under the age of 18), and men with respect regardless of race, color, language, religion, political or other opinion, national, ethnic or social origin, property, disability, birth or other status.
- Not use language or behavior towards women, children or men that is inappropriate, harassing, abusive, sexually provocative, demeaning or culturally inappropriate.
- Not sexually exploit or abuse project beneficiaries and members of the surrounding communities.
- Not engage in sexual harassment of work personnel and staff—for instance, making unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature is prohibited. E.g. looking somebody up and down; kissing, howling or smacking sounds; hanging around somebody; whistling and catcalls; in some instances, giving personal gifts.
- Not engage in sexual favors—for instance, making promises of favorable treatment (e.g. promotion), threats of unfavorable treatment (e.g. loss of job) or payments in kind or in cash, dependent on sexual acts—or other forms of humiliating, degrading or exploitative behavior.
- Not use prostitution in any form at any time.
- Not participate in sexual contact or activity with children under the age of 18—including grooming or contact through digital media. Mistaken belief regarding the age of a child is not a defense. Consent from the child is also not a defense or excuse.

- Unless there is the full consent<sup>53</sup> by all parties involved, I will not have sexual interactions with members of the surrounding communities. This includes relationships involving the withholding or promise of actual provision of benefit (monetary or non-monetary) to community members in exchange for sex (including prostitution). Such sexual activity is considered “non-consensual” within the scope of this Code.
- Consider reporting through the GRM or to my manager any suspected or actual GBV by a fellow worker, whether employed by my company or not, or any breaches of this Code of Conduct.

With regard to children under the age of 18:

- Bring to the attention of my manager the presence of any children on the construction site or engaged in hazardous activities.
- Wherever possible, ensure that another adult is present when working in the proximity of children.
- Not invite unaccompanied children unrelated to my family into my home, unless they are at immediate risk of injury or in physical danger.
- Not use any computers, mobile phones, video and digital cameras or any other medium to exploit or harass children or to access child pornography (see also “Use of children's images for work related purposes” below).
- Refrain from physical punishment or discipline of children.
- Refrain from hiring children for domestic or other labor below the minimum age of 14 unless national law specifies a higher age, or which places them at significant risk of injury.
- Comply with all relevant local legislation, including labor laws in relation to child labor and World Bank’s safeguard policies on child labor and minimum age.
- Take appropriate caution when photographing or filming children (See Annex 2 for details).

### **Use of children's images for work related purposes**

When photographing or filming a child for work related purposes, I must:

- Before photographing or filming a child, assess and endeavor to comply with local traditions or restrictions for reproducing personal images.
- Before photographing or filming a child, obtain informed consent from the child and a parent or guardian of the child. As part of this I must explain how the photograph or film will be used.
- Ensure photographs, films, videos and DVDs present children in a dignified and respectful manner and not in a vulnerable or submissive manner. Children should be adequately clothed and not in poses that could be seen as sexually suggestive.
- Ensure images are honest representations of the context and the facts.
- Ensure file labels do not reveal identifying information about a child when sending images electronically.

### **Sanctions**

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<sup>53</sup> **Consent** is defined as the informed choice underlying an individual’s free and voluntary intention, acceptance or agreement to do something. No consent can be found when such acceptance or agreement is obtained using threats, force or other forms of coercion, abduction, fraud, deception, or misrepresentation. In accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, the World Bank considers that consent cannot be given by children under the age of 18, even if national legislation of the country into which the Code of Conduct is introduced has a lower age. Mistaken belief regarding the age of the child and consent from the child is not a defense.

I understand that if I breach this Individual Code of Conduct, my employer will take disciplinary action which could include:

1. Informal warning.
2. Formal warning.
3. Additional Training.
4. Loss of up to one week's salary.
5. Suspension of employment (without payment of salary), for a minimum period of 1 month up to a maximum of 6 months.
6. Termination of employment.
7. Report to the Police if warranted.

*I understand that it is my responsibility to ensure that the environmental, social, health and safety standards are met. That I will adhere to the occupational health and safety management plan. That I will avoid actions or behaviors that could be construed as GBV. Any such actions will be a breach this Individual Code of Conduct. I do hereby acknowledge that I have read the foregoing Individual Code of Conduct, do agree to comply with the standards contained therein and understand my roles and responsibilities to prevent and respond to ESHS, OHS, GBV issues. I understand that any action inconsistent with this Individual Code of Conduct or failure to act mandated by this Individual Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action and may affect my ongoing employment.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## GBV Action Plan

This GBV Action Plan outlines how the project will put in place the necessary protocols and mechanisms to minimize or eliminate GBV on the project, as well as to address any GBV issues that may arise. The following framework needs to be adapted to reflect the specific situation and implementation arrangements for each project.

### The GBV Complaints Team

The project shall establish a ‘GBV Complaints Team’ (GCT). The GCT will include, as appropriate to the project, at least four representatives (‘Focal Points’) as follows:

- a. A safeguards specialist from the client;
- b. The occupational health and safety manager from the contractor<sup>54</sup>, or someone else tasked with the responsibility for addressing GBV with the time and seniority to devote to the position;
- c. The supervision consultant;
- d. A representative from a client approved service provider with experience in GBV—the ‘GBV Service Provider’ (GSP); and optionally,
- e. Members representing the local community, government, etc.

It will be the duty of the GCT with support from the management of the contractor(s) and consultant(s) to inform workers about the activities and responsibilities of the GCT. To effectively serve on the GCT, members must undergo training by the GBV Service Provider prior to the commencement of their assignment to ensure that they are sensitized on GBV.

The GCT will be required to:

- a. Approve any changes to the **GBV** elements of the **Codes of Conduct** contained in this document, with clearances from the client and the World Bank for any such changes.
- b. Prepare the **GBV Action Plan** reflecting the Codes of Conduct which includes:
  - i. **GBV Allegation Procedures** (See 4.2)
  - ii. **Addressing GBV Complaints** (See 4.3)
  - iii. **Accountability Measures** (See 4.4)
  - iv. An **Awareness raising Strategy** (See 4.6)
  - v. A **Response Protocol** (See 4.7)
- c. Obtain approval of the GBV Action Plan by the Contractor’s management;
- d. Obtain client and World Bank clearances for the GBV Action Plan prior to full mobilization;
- e. Receive and monitor resolutions and sanctions regarding complaints received related to GBV associated with the project; and,
- f. Ensure that GBV statistics in the GRM are up to date and included in the regular project reports.

The GCT shall hold quarterly update meetings to discuss ways to strengthen resources and GBV support for employees and community members.

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<sup>54</sup> Where there are multiple contractors working on the project, each shall nominate a representative as appropriate.



## **Making Complaints: GBV Allegation Procedures**

All staff, volunteers, consultants and sub-contractors are encouraged to report suspected or actual GBV cases. Managers are required to report suspected or actual GBV cases as they have responsibilities to uphold company commitments, and they hold their direct reports accountable for complying with the Individual Code of Conduct.

The project will provide information to employees and the community on how to report cases of GBV Code of Conduct breaches through the Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM). The GCT will follow up on cases of GBV and Code of Conduct breaches reported through the GRM.

## **Addressing Complaints about GBV**

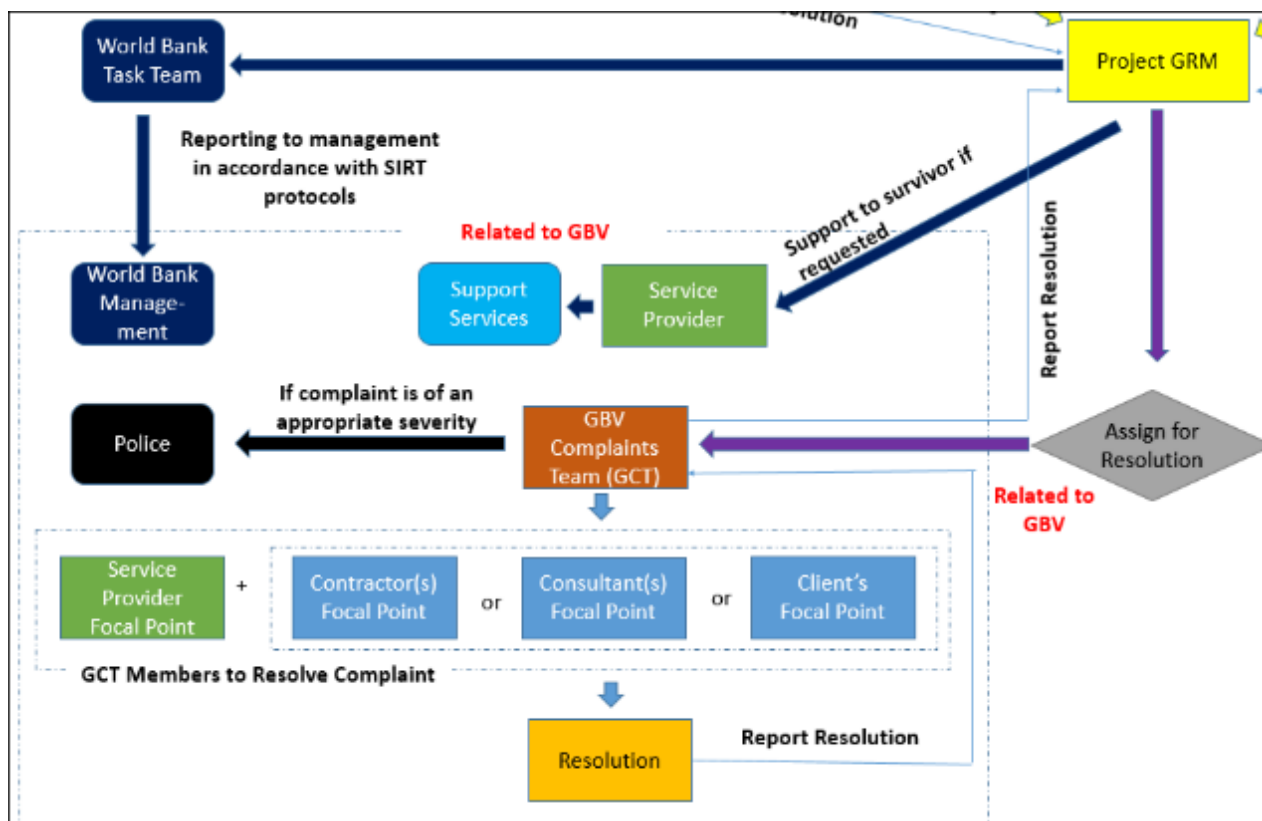
Each project needs to put in place appropriate protocols for addressing GBV complaints. The protocols will vary between projects based on local circumstances, but there are key principles which are required in all projects.

## **GRM**

The project operates a GRM which is managed by a designated GRM operator with the project management unit or, ideally, an entity independent of the project implementation. The GRM must be designed to ensure that:

- i. Complaints can be made through different channels, such as the traditional local practices (e.g. village chiefs), online, phone, in-person, the local GBV Service Provider, the manager(s), or the Police.
- ii. Complaints should be able to be made in different ways such as online, via telephone or mail, or in person;
- iii. Anonymity should be ensured if the complainant so desires it, especially about GBV;

There needs to be a specific workflow for handling GBV complaints. The figure below illustrates the workflow adopted in 2017 for the Vanuatu Aviation Investment Project (VAIP).



If the complaint to the GRM is made by a GBV survivor, or on behalf of a survivor, the complainant will be directly referred to the GBV Service Provider to receive support services (if so desired) while the GCT investigates the complaint in parallel.

The World Bank requires that all complaints regarding GBV must immediately be reported to the World Bank task team by the GRM operator. These complaints may be referred to the World Bank management in accordance with the World Bank’s reporting protocols.

The GRM shall only collect two items of data related to GBV—to be inferred from discussions with the complainant:

- i. The nature of the GBV; and,
- ii. To the best of the knowledge was the perpetrator associated with the project.

Additional information shall be gathered by the GBV Service Provider using their existing survivor support protocols. This information shall be confidential and not part of the GRM process.

The GRM operator will refer complaints related to GBV to the GCT to resolve them. In accordance with the GBV Action Plan, the GCT through the GBV Service Provider and Focal Point(s) will investigate the complaint and ultimately provide the GRM operator with a resolution to the complaint, or the Police if appropriate. The victim’s confidentiality should also be kept in mind when reporting any incidences to the Police.

The GRM operator will, upon resolution, advise the complainant of the outcome, unless it was made anonymously.

### **GBV Service Provider**

The GBV Service Provider is a local organization which has the trust of the local community, experience and ability to support survivors of GBV. They will be identified by the client during project preparation, if necessary with the support of the World Bank.

The client, the contractor(s) and consultant(s) must establish a working relationship with the GBV Service Provider, so that GBV cases can safely be referred to them. The GBV Service Provider will also provide support and guidance to the GBV Focal Points as necessary. The GBV Service Provider will have a representative on the GCT and be involved in resolving complaints related to GBV.

The contract for the GBV Service Provider shall include provision for financing costs around providing the necessary support to survivors.

### **GBV Complaints Team**

The GCT is responsible for ensuring that GBV complaints are properly investigated and that appropriate sanctions are applied for any cases where sanctions are considered to be justified. The GCT is comprised of: (i) the GBV Service Provider; and, (ii) 'Focal Points' from the contractor(s), consultant(s) and client; and optionally, (iii) members of the local community, government, etc.

All the Focal Points on the GCT must be trained and empowered to resolve GBV issues. It is essential that all staff of the GRM and GCT understand the guiding principles and ethical requirement of dealing with survivors of GBV. All reports should be kept confidential and referred immediately to the GBV Service Provider represented on the GCT<sup>55</sup>.

The GCT shall confirm that all complaints related to GBV have been: (i) referred to the client and the World Bank by the GRM operator; and, (ii) are referred to Police (or other authorities) for investigation if of appropriate severity. In GBV cases warranting Police action; and, (iii) management for further action.

The GCT shall consider all GBV complaints and agree on a plan for resolution. The appropriate Focal Point will be tasked with implementing the plan (i.e. issues with contractor's staff will be for the contractor to resolve; consultant's staff the consultant; and client's staff the client). The Focal Point will advise the GCT on resolution, including referral to the Police if necessary. They will be assisted by the GBV Service Provider as appropriate.

### **Accountability Measures**

All reports of GBV shall be handled in a confidential manner to protect the rights of all involved. The client, contractor and consultant must maintain the confidentiality of employees who notify any acts or

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<sup>55</sup> Survivors of GBV may need access to Police, justice, health, psychosocial, safe shelter and livelihood services to begin on a path of healing from their experience of violence.

threats of violence, and of any employees accused of engaging in any acts or threats of violence (unless a breach of confidentiality is required to protect persons or property from serious harm or where required by law). The contractor and consultant must prohibit discrimination or adverse action against an employee because of survivor's disclosure, experience or perceived experience of GBV (see Annex 1 for examples of actions to maintain accountability).

To ensure that survivors feel confident to disclose their experience of GBV, they can report cases of GBV through multiple channels such as: (i) online, (ii) phone, (iii) in-person, (iv) the local GBV Service Provider, (v) the manager(s), (vi) village councils; or, (vii) the Police. To ensure confidentiality, only the GBV Service Provider will be privy to information regarding the survivor. The GCT will be the primary point of contact for information and follow up regarding the perpetrator.

### Monitoring and Evaluation

The GRM is to notify the client and the World Bank immediately of any complaints related to GBV.

The GCT must monitor the follow up of cases that have been reported and maintain all reported cases in a confidential and secure location. Monitoring must collect the number of cases that have been reported and the share of them that are being managed by Police, NGOs etc.

These statistics shall be reported to the GRM and the Supervision Engineer for inclusion in their reporting.

### Awareness-raising Strategy

It is important to create an Awareness-raising Strategy with activities aimed to sensitize employees on GBV on the work site and its related risks, provisions of the GBV Codes of Conduct, and GBV Allegation Procedures, Accountability Measures and Response Protocol. The strategy will be accompanied by a timeline, indicating the various sensitization activities through which the strategy will be implemented and the related (expected) delivery dates. Awareness-raising activities should be linked with trainings provided by the GBV Service Provider.

### Response Protocol

The GCT will be responsible for developing a written response<sup>56</sup> protocol to meet the project requirements, in accordance to national laws and protocols. The response protocol must include:

- i. Mechanisms to notify and respond to perpetrators in the workplace;
- ii. The GRM process to ensure competent and confidential response to disclosures of GBV, and;
- iii. A referral pathway to refer survivors to appropriate services (See 4.8 Survivor Support Measures below).

The contractor(s), consultant(s) and client shall encourage notification through the GRM channels from employees and community members about perpetrators in the workplace through awareness raising activities. An employee who discloses a case of sexual harassment in the workplace shall be referred to the GRM for reporting to seek services.

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<sup>56</sup> Develop appropriate protocol for written recording of GBV issues raised in case the notes are subpoenaed. Develop processes for record keeping including activities undertaken by the GCT.

Through the GCT, the companies and client shall oversee the investigation of these grievances, ensuring procedural fairness for the accused, and within the local laws. If an employee has breached the Code of Conduct, the employer will take appropriate action which could include:

- i. Undertake disciplinary action up in accordance with sanctions in the GBV Codes of Conduct (see Section 4.9);
- ii. Report the perpetrator to the Police as per local legal paradigms; and/or
- iii. If feasible, provide or facilitate counselling for the perpetrator.

### **Survivor Support Measures**

It is essential to appropriately respond to the survivor's complaint by respecting the survivor's choices to minimize the potential for re-traumatization and further violence against the survivor.

Any survivor will receive care regardless of whether the perpetrator is associated with the project will receive support/ The support will be provided by the GBV Service Provider—including medical and psychosocial support, emergency accommodation, transport fees necessary to receive services, security including Police protection and livelihood support—by facilitating contact and coordination with these services. See Annex 1 for examples of the types of support which could be considered under the project.

The contract with the GBV Service Provider shall explicitly detail the services to be provided, and how the associated costs shall be financed by the project.

If the survivor is an employee of the contractor(s), consultant(s) or client, to ensure the safety of the survivor, and the workplace in general, the client, contractor or consultant, in consultation with the survivor, will assess the risk of ongoing abuse to the survivor and in the workplace. Reasonable adjustments will be made to the survivor's work schedule and work environment as deemed necessary (see Annex 1 for examples of safety measures). The employer will provide adequate leave to survivors seeking services after experiencing violence (see Annex 1 for details).

### **Sanctions**

In accordance with the Code of Conduct, any employee confirmed as a GBV perpetrator shall be considered for disciplinary measures in line with sanctions and practices as agreed in the Individual Code of Conduct. Potential Sanctions to employees who are perpetrators of GBV include:

- i. Informal warning
- ii. Formal warning
- iii. Additional Training
- iv. Loss of up to one week's salary.
- v. Suspension of employment (without payment of salary), for a minimum period of 1 month up to a maximum of 6 months.
- vi. Termination of employment.
- vii. Referral to the Police or other authorities as warranted.

It is important to note that, for each case, disciplinary sanctions are intended to be part of a process that is entirely internal to the employer, is placed under the full control and responsibility of its managers and is conducted in accordance with the applicable national labor legislation.

Such process is expected to be fully independent from any official investigation that competent authorities (e.g. Police) may decide to conduct in relationship to the same case, and in accordance with the applicable national law. Similarly, internal disciplinary measures that the employer's managers may decide to enact are meant to be separate from any charges or sanctions that the official investigation may result into (e.g. monetary fines, detention etc.).

## **Annex 1 - Potential Procedures for Addressing GBV**

### **Accountability Measures to maintain confidentiality can be achieved through the following actions:**

1. Inform all employees that confidentiality of GBV survivors' personal information is of utmost importance.
2. Provide the GCT with training on empathetic and non-judgmental listening.
3. Take disciplinary action, including and up to dismissal, against those who breach survivor's confidentiality (this is unless a breach of confidentiality is necessary to protect the survivor or another person from serious harm, or where required by law).

### **GBV Allegation Procedures should specify:**

1. Who survivors can seek information and assistance from.
2. The process for community members and employees to lodge a complaint through the GRM should there be alleged GBV.
3. The mechanism for how community members and employees can escalate a request for support or notification of violence if the process for reporting is ineffective due to unavailability or non-responsiveness, or if the employee's concern is not resolved.

### **Financial and Other Supports to survivors can include:**

1. No/low interest loans.
2. Salary advances.
3. Direct payment of medical costs.
4. Coverage of legal costs specifically related to the incident
5. Coverage of all medical costs related specifically to the incident.
6. Upfront payments for medical costs to later be recouped from the employee's health insurance.
7. Providing or facilitating access to childcare.
8. Providing security upgrades to the employee's home.
9. Providing safe transportation to access support services or to and from accommodation.

### **Based on the rights, needs and wishes of the survivor, survivor support measures to ensure the safety of the survivor who is an employee can include<sup>57</sup>:**

1. Changing the perpetrator or survivor's span of hours or pattern of hours and/or shift patterns.
2. Redesigning or changing the perpetrator or survivor's duties.
3. Changing the survivor's telephone number or email address to avoid harassing contact.
4. Relocating the survivor or perpetrator to another work site/ alternative premises.
5. Providing safe transportation to and from work for a specified period.
6. Supporting the survivor to apply for an Interim Protection Order or referring them to appropriate support.
7. Taking any other appropriate measures including those available under existing provisions for family friendly and flexible work arrangements.

### **Leave options for survivors that are employees can include:**

1. An employee experiencing sexual harassment should be able to request paid special leave to attend medical or psychosocial appointments, legal proceedings, and relocation to safe accommodation among other services that may be needed.

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<sup>57</sup> It is critical that a survivor centered approach be adopted. The survivor should be fully involved in the decision making. Except for exceptional circumstances the perpetrator should be required to take appropriate actions to accommodate the survivor (e.g. move, change hours, etc.), rather than the survivor changing.

2. An employee who supports a person experiencing sexual harassment may take care givers leave, including but not limited to accompanying them to court or hospital, or to take care of children.
3. Employees who are employed in a casual capacity may request unpaid special leave or unpaid care givers leave to undertake the activities described above.
4. The amount of leave provided will be determine by the individual's situation through consultations with the employee, the management and the GCT where appropriate.

**Potential Sanctions to employees who are perpetrators of GBV include:**

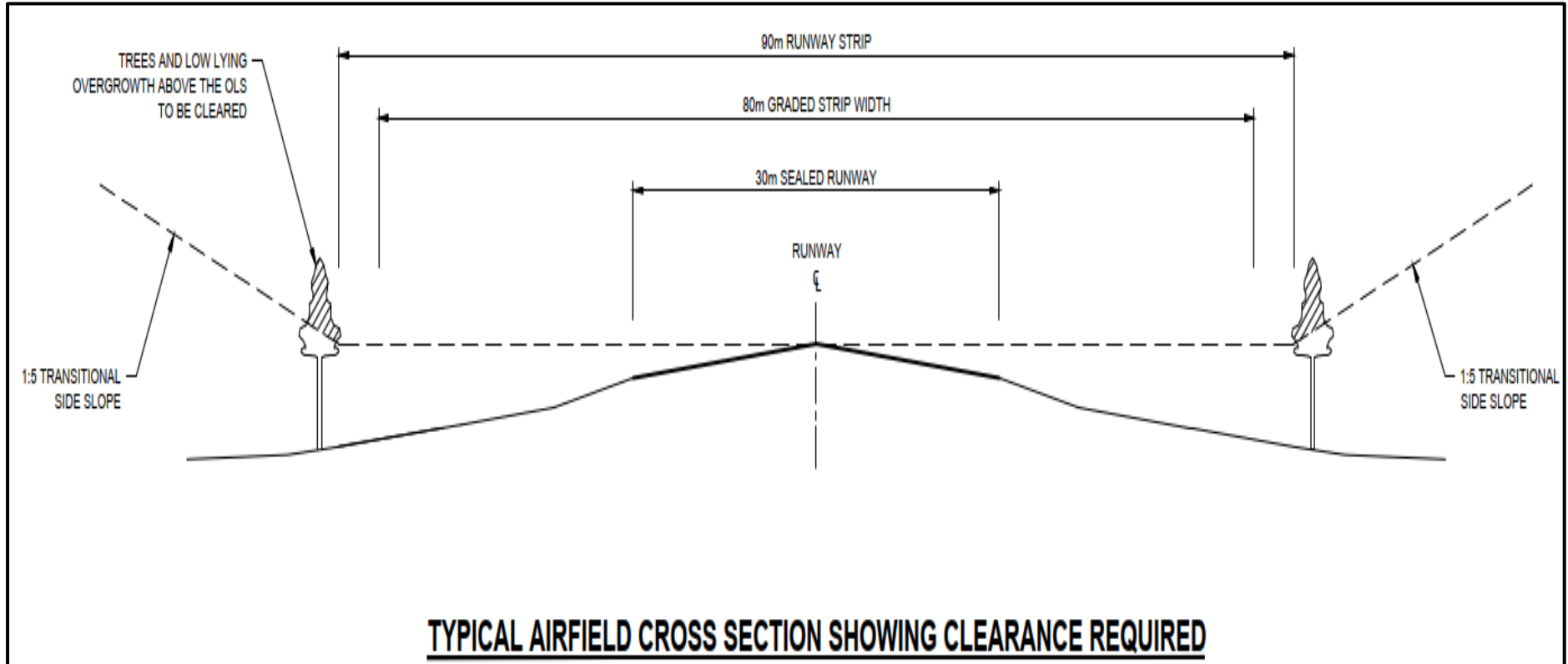
1. Informal warning
2. Formal warning
3. Additional Training
4. Loss of up to one week's salary.
5. Suspension of employment (without payment of salary), for a minimum period of 1 month up to a maximum of 6 months.
6. Termination of employment.

Referral to the Police or other authorities as warranted.

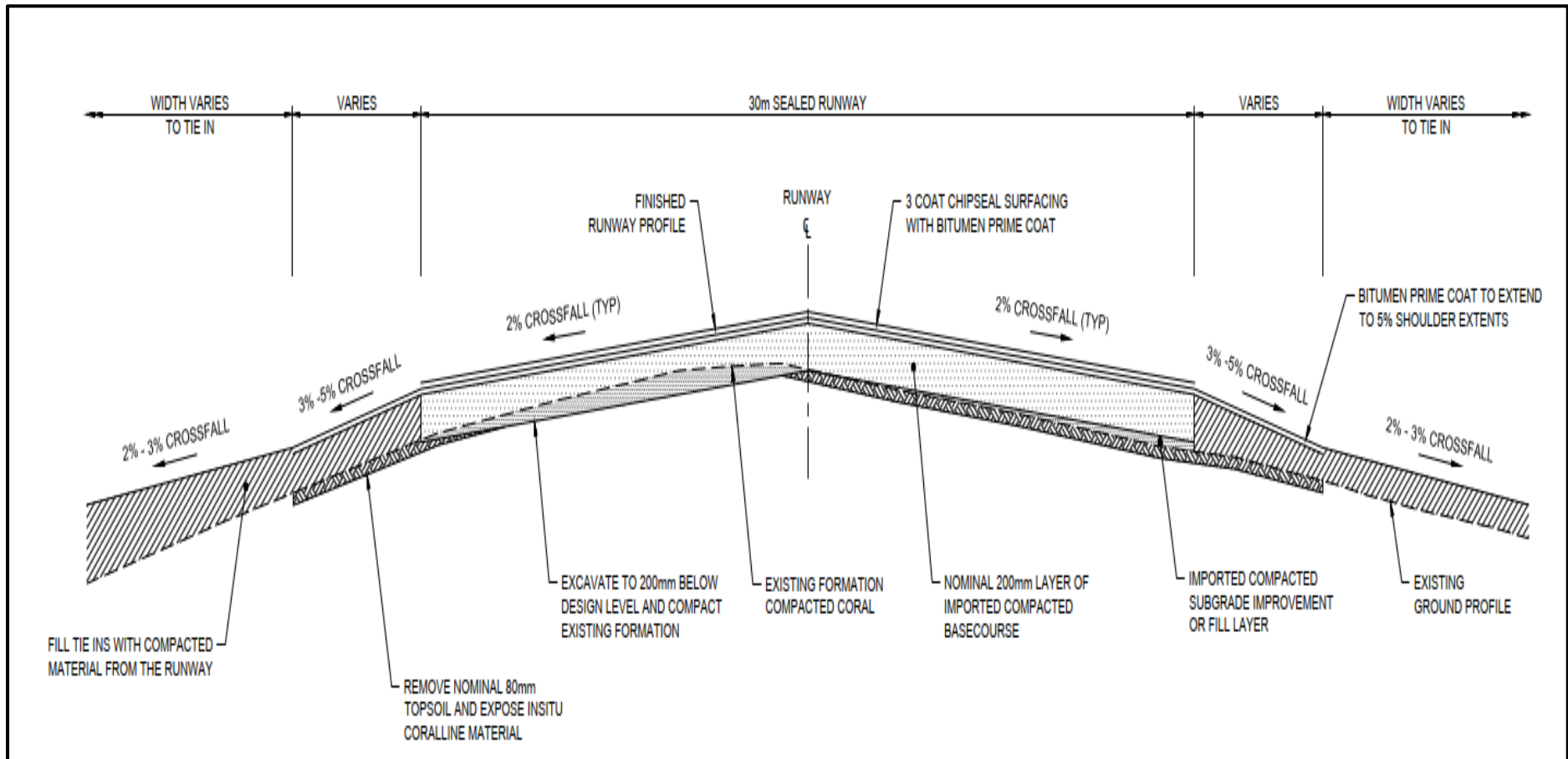


## Appendix F: Designs

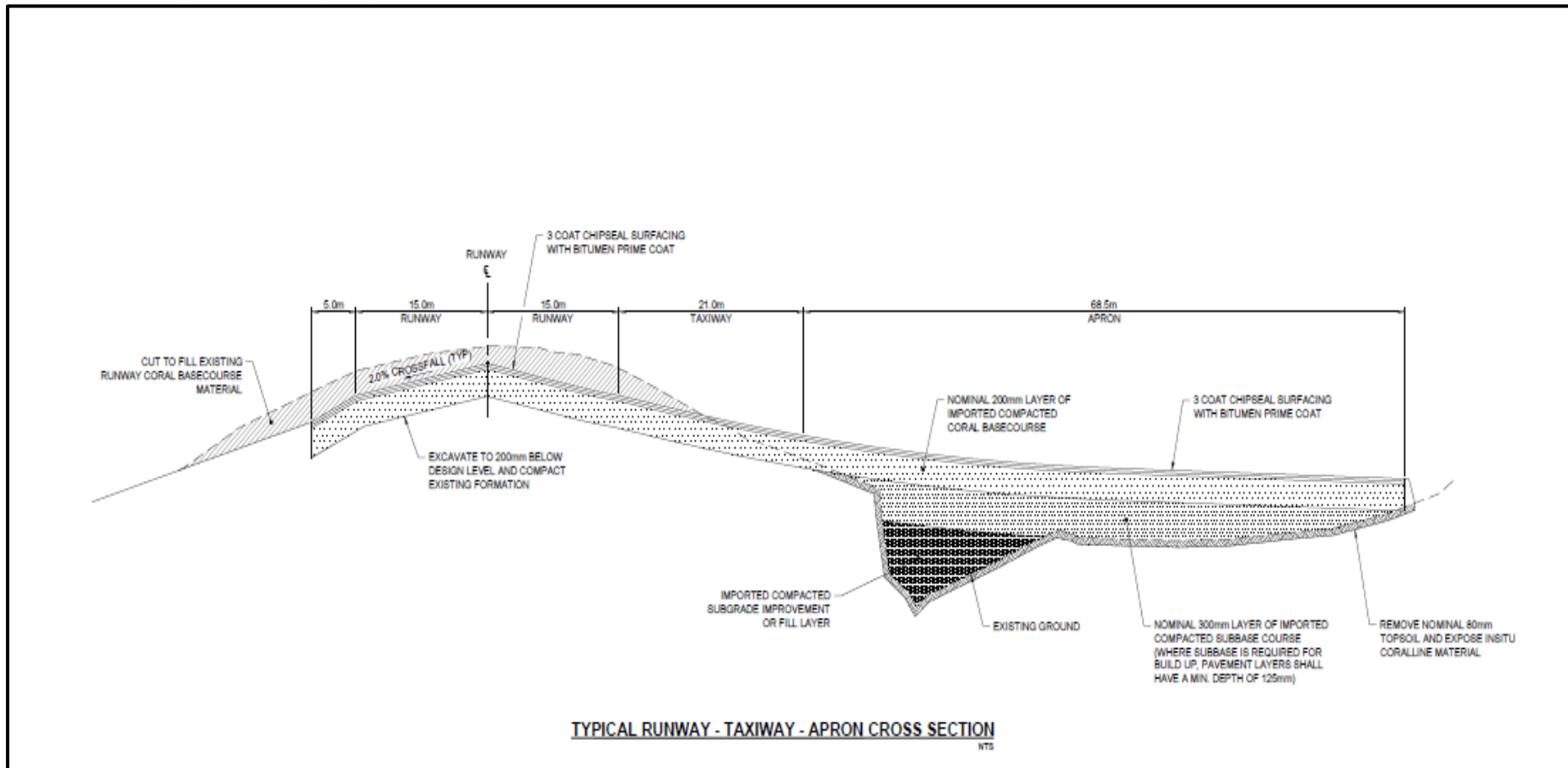
### Appendix F.1: Typical Airfield Cross Section For Vegetation Clearance



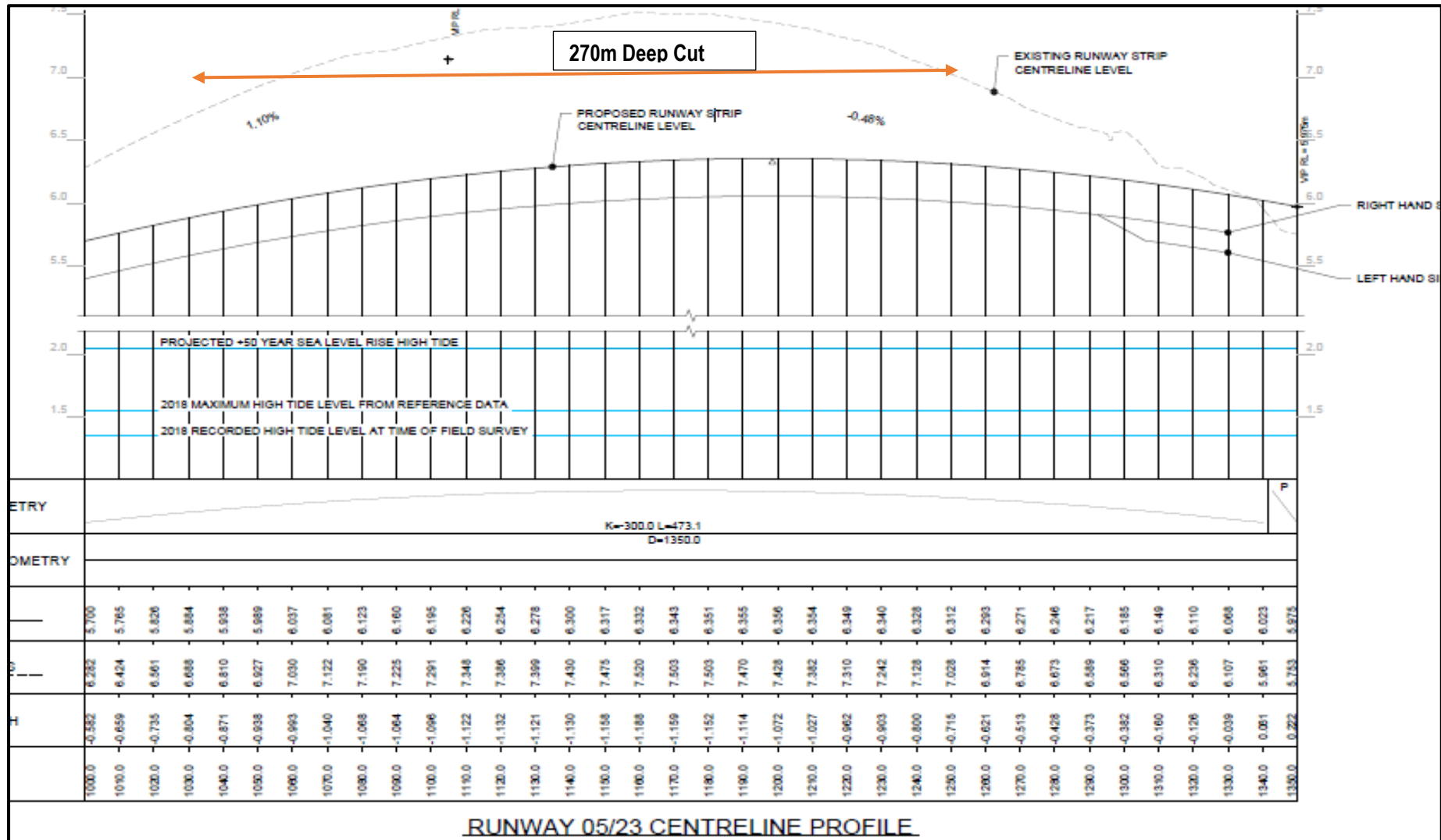
Appendix F.2: Typical Runway Cross Section

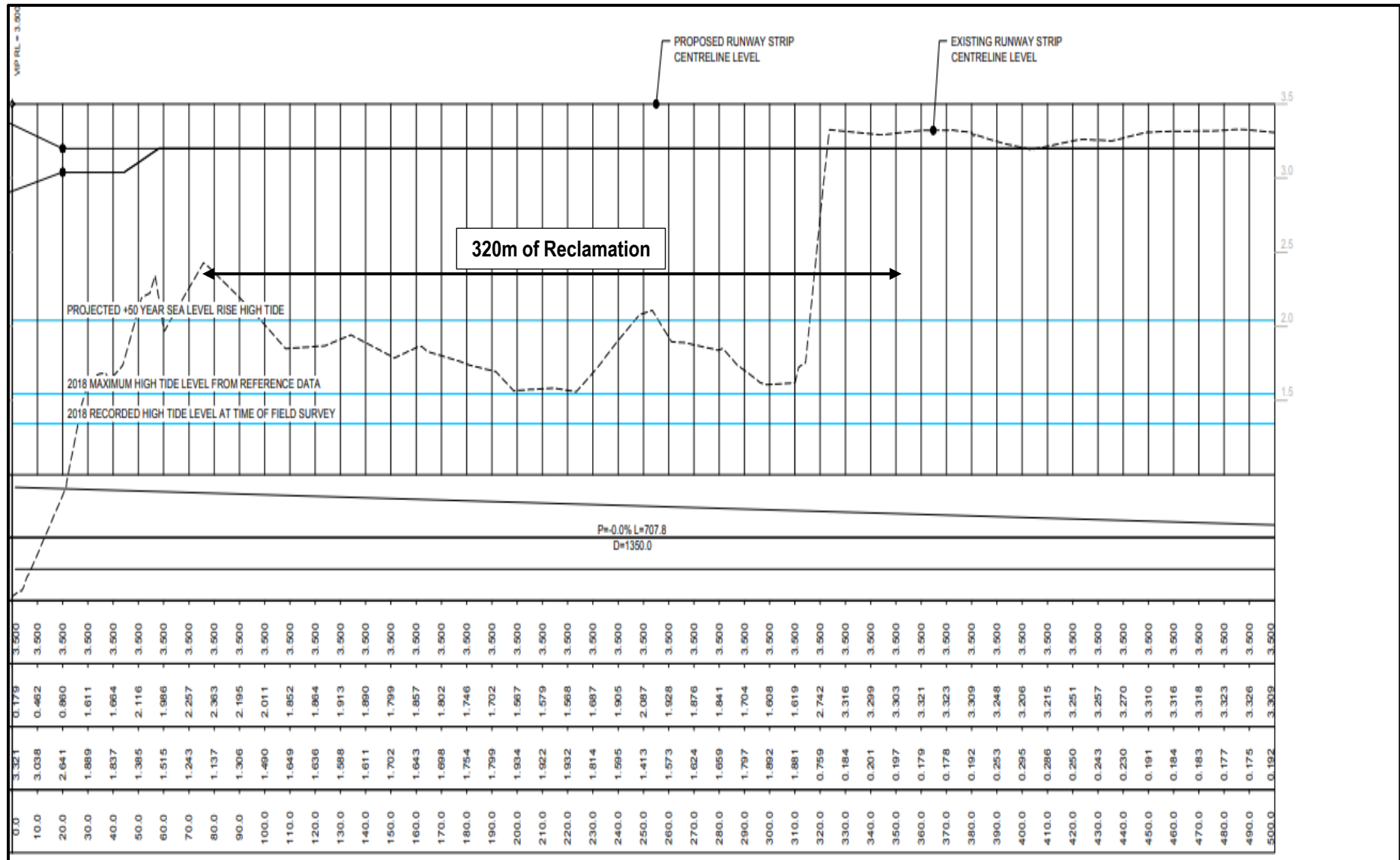


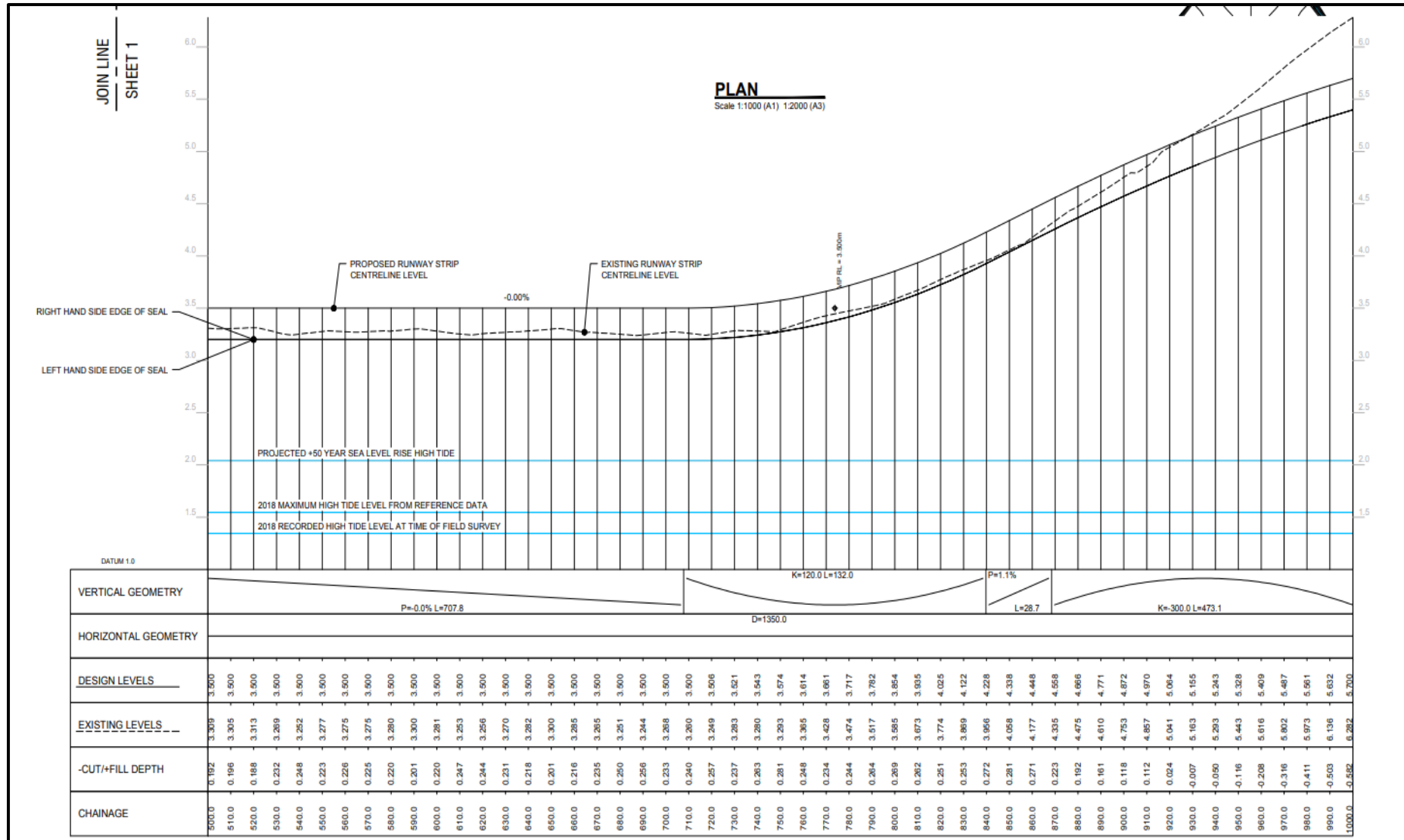
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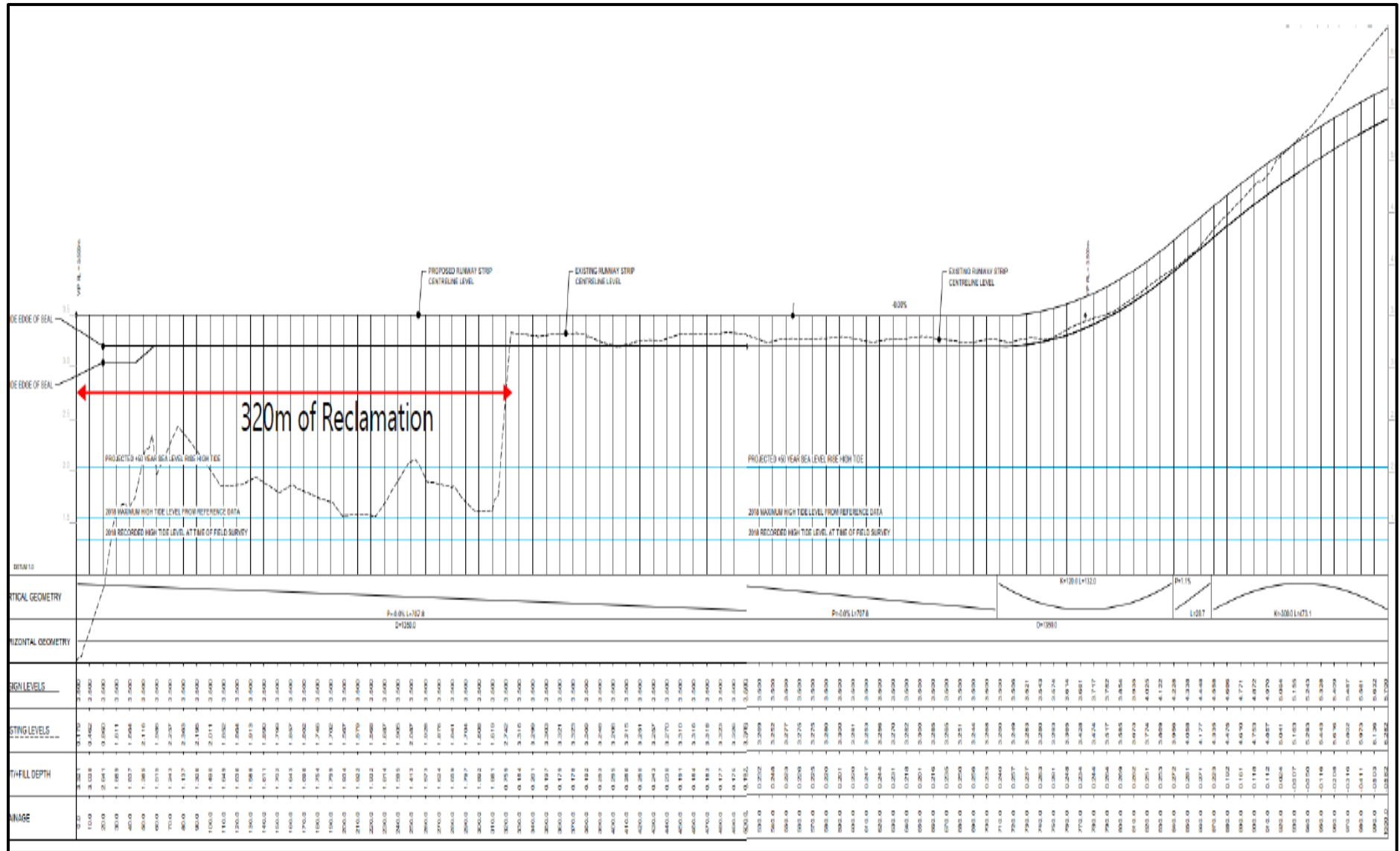


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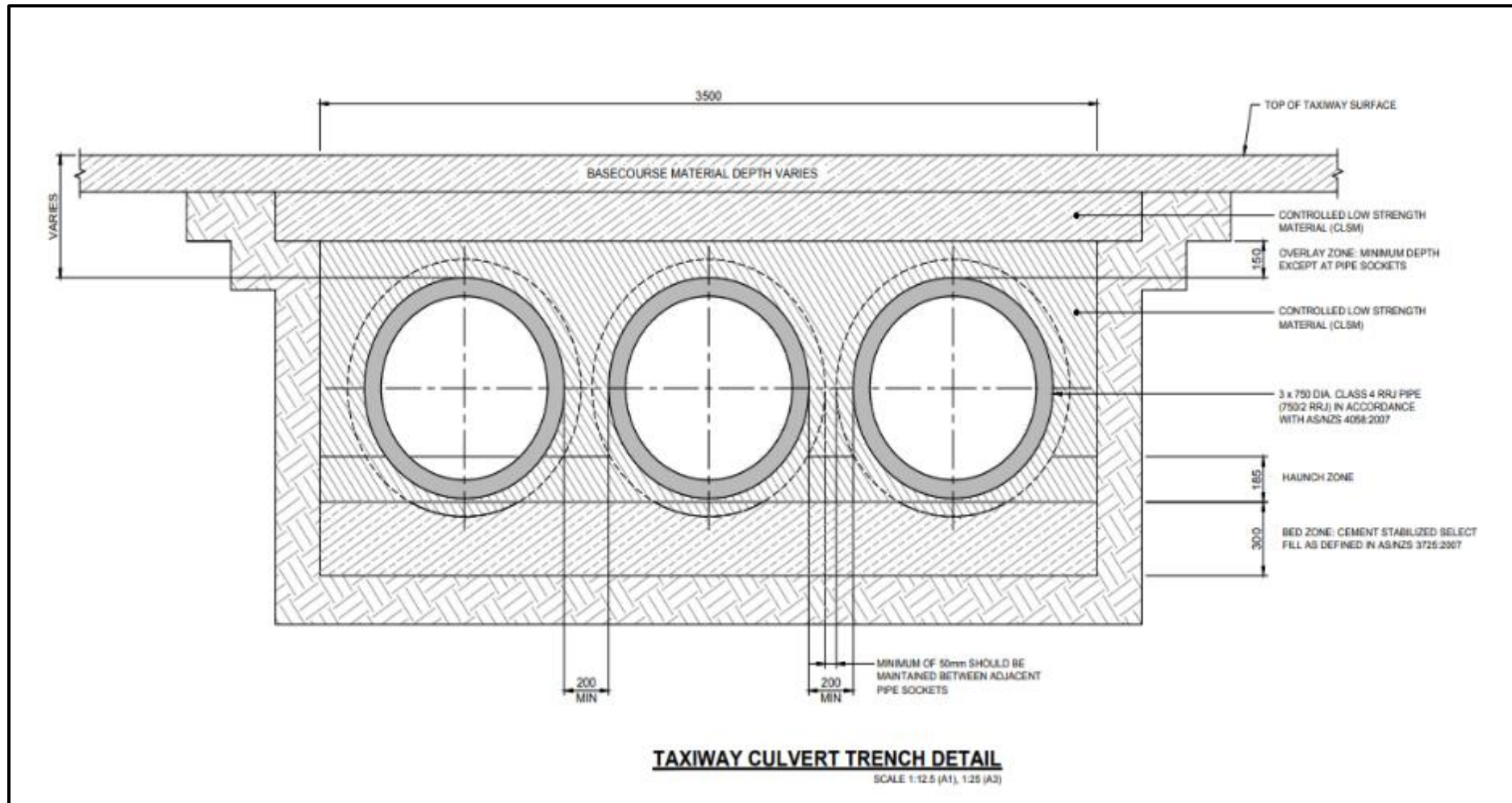




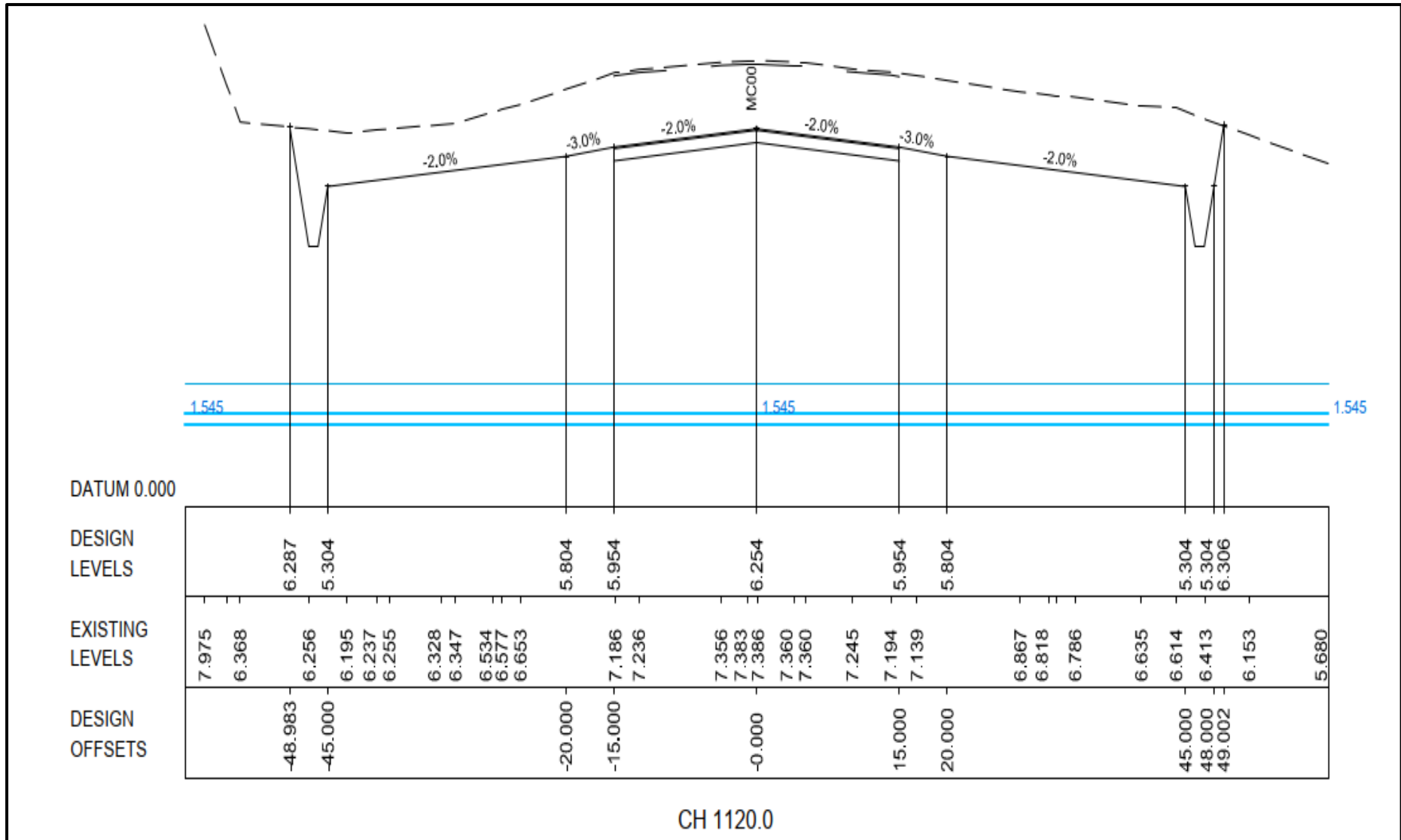


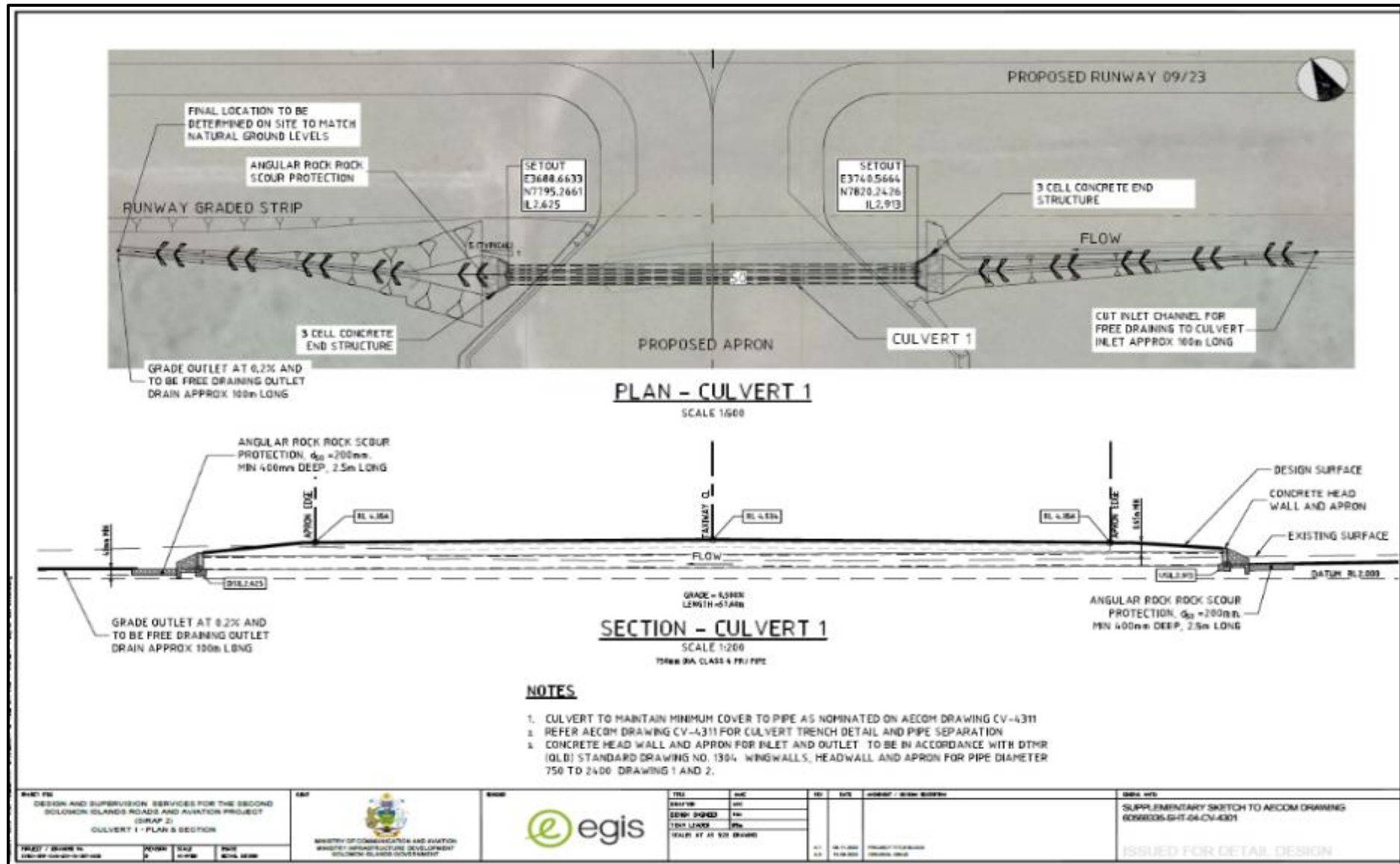


Appendix F.5: Culvert Details









Appendix F.6: AGL Layout Plan



Appendix G: Screening Checklist

**ESMP SCREENING FORM**

<b>ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL MANAGEMENT PLAN SCREENING FORM</b>				
<b>Province: Temotu Province, Santa Cruz Island</b>			<b>Ward: 8</b>	
Type of Works: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Repair, Restoration, or Reconstruction of roads, bridges, airports, seaports, and other transport infrastructure damaged by the event.</li> <li>▪ Re-establishment of telecommunications infrastructure damaged by the event</li> <li>▪ Re-establishment of the urban-rural solid waste system, water supply, and sanitation (including urban drainage) infrastructure damaged by the event</li> <li>▪ Repair, restoration, rehabilitation of schools, clinics, hospitals or works of cultural significance or communal structures damaged by the event</li> <li>▪ Removal and disposal of debris associated with any eligible activity</li> <li>▪ Quarrying for Coronous Materials for the Santa Cruz (Lata) Airfield Runway Pavement</li> </ul>				
Brief description of works/activities: [i.e., length of road, need/purpose of works, proposed works (list/explain activities), number of villages (approx. population) to benefit] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ This Environmental and Screening Checklist is completed for the proposed Quarry, referred to as Quarry C, proposed for use by China Harbor Engineering Company Ltd (CHEC), the approved contractor for the Santa Cruz Airfield Runway Pavement Project, Contract No. SB – PST – 396502 – CW – RFB. This quarry site is located approximately 5 km from the Santa Cruz Airfield and the Contractor’s Laydown Area. CHEC proposes using typical quarry extraction machinery such as excavators and dump trucks for the activity. There is no village at the quarry site, only a residential house owned by the Landowner, which is about 300 – 400 meters south of the site. Also, the site used to be quarried for the construction and maintenance of the Baemaowa inland road to Lata and by MID-LBES contractors for road maintenance more than 8 to 10 years ago and has been recently cleared by the Contractor for the Temotu Provincial Police Head Quarters upgrade.</li> </ul>				
<b>A. ACCESSIBILITY &amp; TOPOGRAPHY</b>				
No.	Questions	Yes	No	Comments
1.	Is the site located on a slope or hilly area made of soft/loose formations with high erosion/landslide potential?		✓	
2.	Is the site located in vulnerable areas subject to (that may affect the stability of the facility to be built?):			
	i. Flooding		✓	
	ii. Tidal / Storm Surge		✓	

	iii. Saltwater Inundation		✓	
	iv. Steep Slopes		✓	
	v. Land Slides		✓	
	vi. Is it less than 10m away from the sea or river?		✓	
3.	Is the project site located in a flood plain area or in areas at low elevation above sea level so that it is at risk of inundation in the long term?		✓	
4.	Is the existing ground level lower than the historical flood level?		✓	
5.	Is the ground where the construction will take place lower than the surroundings where rainwater may concentrate and cause flooding easily?		✓	
6.	Is the site at or below sea level?		✓	
7.	Is it safe and easy to access the site in rainy weather?	✓		Site is adjacent to the Baemaowa Road and is safe to access in rainy weather.
<b>B. ECOLOGICAL – FLORA &amp; FAUNA</b>				
1.	Is the project located in the following area:			
	i. In/near the gazette Protected Area? (Marine or Terrestrial Protected Areas by Communities or NGOs (Please provide details)		✓	
	ii. Declared conservation area,		✓	
	iii. Sensitive environment (mangrove, forests, high biodiversity area), or 400m or above sea level?		✓	
	iv. Is there any vegetation cover that may be disturbed or cut down – Grass, Shrubs, Big Trees, Mangroves, Others (please specify)	✓		No mangroves, only regrowth - trees and shrubs. Pacific Lychee ( <i>Pometia pinnata</i> ), and Breadfruit ( <i>Artocarpus altilis</i> ) Parasol Leaf Tree( <i>Macaranga peltate</i> ), Sea Hibiscus( <i>Hibiscus tiliaceus</i> ), Kamau( <i>Ficus copiosa</i> ), Taun tree( <i>pometia pinnata</i> ), River Taramind( <i>Leucaena leucocephala</i> ), Tree Fern( <i>Sphaeropteris cooperi</i> ) plus others.
	v. Is the site located on any crop or cultivated land?		✓	No gardens.

2.	Is it possible that the activity may impact any wildlife or endangered species?		✓	The area is an existing quarry site in the area. No endangered species observed in the area. From the biodiversity survey conducted, it was observed that the site is a modified habitat and the flora are mostly common trees and shrubs with the average height of five meters including the sea hibiscus ( <i>Hibiscus tiliaceus</i> ), Breadfruit ( <i>Artocarpus altilis</i> ), parasol leaf tree ( <i>Macaranga Tanarius</i> ), Tree fern ( <i>Sphaeropteris cooperi</i> ) plus other species. The birds observed are police bird and wagtail and none of these are endangered species. No frogs or rats observed during the biodiversity survey of the area which accede to the consultations with the locals.
3.	Is it possible that any wildlife or insects that may attack humans, such as snakes, bees, fire ants, etc., will be present at the site?		✓	The area is an existing quarry site. No wildlife or endangered species observed in the area.
4.	Forest land will be used, or will existing forest land be converted into agricultural land?		✓	
5.	During construction, will it affect any of the following:			
	i. Food trees, gardens, or crops	✓		Possibility to remove food trees if clearance will be done to the south of the area – Pacific Lychee ( <i>Pometia pinnata</i> ), and Breadfruit ( <i>Artocarpus altilis</i> )
	ii. Ecologically important areas in outer reef and lagoon islands		✓	
	iii. Swamps		✓	
	iv. Wetlands		✓	
	v. Mangroves		✓	
	vi. Close to the coast		✓	
	vii. Riverbank or Stream		✓	
	viii. Rare and endangered species		✓	
6.	Will materials be extracted from (If so, has permission been given by relevant person)?			

	i. Lake/riverbed		✓	
	ii. Coral reef		✓	
	iii. Hillside		✓	
	iv. Local Quarry	✓		
7.	Will cutting of timber be required? If so, has permission been given by the relevant person?	✓		An MOU was signed by the contractor and the landowner on 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2024.
<b>C. CLIMATE &amp; HYDROLOGY</b>				
1.	Is the site located within the river buffer zones (50 -100m) or 50m from a log pond?		✓	
2.	Has the area undergone severe drought in the most recent 5 years?		✓	
3.	Has the area undergone frequent flooding during the wet season?		✓	
4.	Was the area severely affected by thunderstorms and lightning before?		✓	
5.	Has an earthquake happened in the area before?	✓		It is experienced in most islands in the province but has no landslide impact.
6.	Will construction place demand on local drinking water supply?		✓	There are no water resources in the area.
7.	Will it cause water contamination or pollution?		✓	There are no water resources in the area.
8.	Will natural waterways be diverted or flow reduced? If so, will this affect upstream/downstream users and the natural environment?		✓	There are no water resources in the area.
9.	Will the groundwater supply be affected?		✓	There are no water resources in the area.
10.	Is groundwater supply safe for drinking?		✓	There are no water resources in the area.
11.	Is there likely to be any water contamination, or will it remain safe for drinking during the operation phase?		✓	There are no water resources in the area.
<b>D. CULTURE</b>				
1.	Are there any of the following areas within the proposed sites:			
	i. Scared tree that may be affected?		✓	
	ii. Grave within 50m from the site?		✓	
	iii. Statues within 50m from the construction site?		✓	
	iv. Cultural heritage,		✓	

	v. Sacred areas		✓	
	vi. Tambu/ kastom		✓	
	vii. Archeological sites in/near the site?		✓	
2.	Are there any other objects/structures of spiritual importance to local communities that may be affected by construction or operation phase?		✓	
3.	Other cultural characteristics to be noted. (Specify)		✓	
<b>E. NATURAL RESOURCES</b>				
1.	Will the use of water, energy, land, and forest during the construction and operation phase restrict access to some communities?		✓	
2.	Other Natural Resources characteristics to be noted. (Specify)		✓	
<b>F. PEOPLE &amp; LAND</b>				
1.	Does the land require significant involuntary land acquisition?		✓	
2.	Does anyone live on the land?		✓	The family who owned the land are residing about 300m from the proposed site.
3.	Is the land			
	i. Privately Owned	✓		The land is not registered and is privately owned – Family Owned.
	ii. Crown Land (Provincial or Government)		✓	
	iii. Customarily Owned	✓		The land is not registered and is privately owned – Family Owned.
4.	Will site clearance remove any person? (If so, has permission been given by the relevant person)		✓	
5.	Will the site clearance affect any livelihood? (Garden crops, tree crops, etc.)		✓	
6.	Are there any food trees that belong to individual households that may be cut off?	✓		Fruit trees owned by the landowning family – 6 tave trees and bread fruit trees (not cultivated, wild grown about 50 to 1m in height)
7.	Have upstream and downstream communities been excluded from consultations?		✓	The quarry site is not within the premises of a river or stream.



8.	Will there be any likely conflict with downstream users?		✓	
9.	Are there any disputes over the ownership of the preferred site(s) or absentee landowners?		✓	The landowning family and the contractor signed an agreement, which confirmed that there were no issues.
10.	Does the land equate to more than 10% of the total landholdings of one landowner or household? If so, has alternative land been provided by the community?		✓	Land equates to less than 10% of the land owned by the family.
<b>G. HEALTH AND SAFETY</b>				
1.	Are there sanitation, hygiene, and public health risks?	✓		If a contractor will not provide a portable loo on site, but there is a use by the family for open defecation.
2.	Will toxic chemicals or hazardous materials be generated or used? (Fuel, paint, chemicals, batteries, asbestos, etc.)	✓		Fuel will likely be a concern if there is a leak or accidental spillage.
3.	Is asbestos present in any buildings or structures?		✓	
4.	Will the subproject generate waste materials? If so, where will these be disposed of?	✓		Debris and spoil—At the end of the quarrying operation, the contractor will stockpile spoil (topsoil) and debris for rehabilitation of the site.
5.	Will it generate air pollution (dust, smoke hazards)?	✓		Minor impact.
6.	Will it generate noise and vibration disturbance?	✓		Minor impact.
7.	Will the works result in increases in, or changes to the type of, traffic using the road?	✓		Minor impact for a short period of time.
8.	Will any of the works require the use of toxic chemicals, herbicides, and/or explosives?		✓	Only machinery for quarrying.
9.	Is there likely to be any soil pollution or erosion?		✓	
<b>H. EXISTING FACILITIES</b>				
1.	Is power available for the construction?		✓	
2.	Is there a safe place to stockpile or store materials?	✓		Materials for works will be transported to the stockpiling area at the work site, but materials for reclamation of the land after the operation can be stored on site.
3.	Is there any security risk (damage, theft)?		✓	

4.	During the construction phase, are there any public health and safety risks management for the communities such as:			
	i. Traffic	✓		Change in traffic level – contractor's dump trucks using the road.
	ii. Water		✓	No water resources in the area.
	iii. Power		✓	No power supply in the area.
5.	Will the following facilities be provided to the workers during construction?			
	i. Safe drinking water	✓		As per approved CESMP and subplans.
	ii. Sanitation	✓		
	iii. Medication (First Aid Kit)	✓		
	iv. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	✓		
	v. Rubbish Bin	✓		
	vi. Proper Rubbish Disposal Site	✓		
6.	Are the following services close to the proposed site?			
	i. School		✓	
	ii. Clinic		✓	
	iii. Communication Mode		✓	
	iv. Clean and safe Drinking Water		✓	
	v. Market		✓	
	vi. Wharf		✓	
	vii. Airstrip		✓	
7.	Are there any existing natural drains at the site?		✓	
8.	Are there any existing water pipes crossing the site?		✓	
9.	Is there an existing road that might be impacted or damaged during construction?		✓	
10.	Will the subproject likely impact the beneficiaries with noise, odor, or visual impacts during the operation phase?		✓	
Other information, map, additional issues or impacts, etc., should be specified on the attached sheet:				

List attachments:

-Map also provided in figure 9 and aerial view of the site in figure in figure 14.

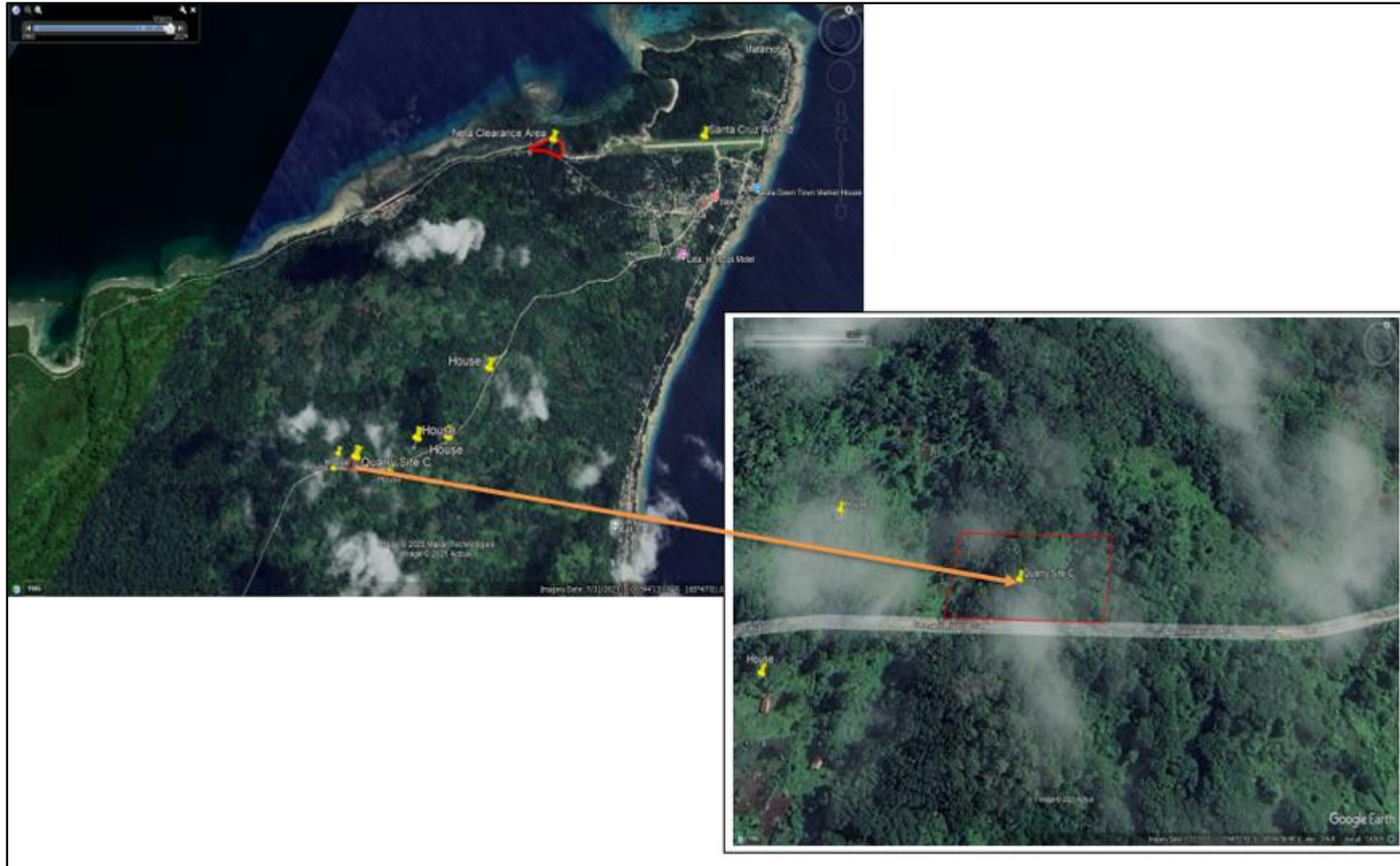


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