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DOWNER AND GON MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE EXPLORE ROADING IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Alofi, Niue - 8 September 2022 – Niue’s Ministry of Infrastructure - Civil and Road Divisions have met with Downer New Zealand Project Director Jeff Oldman, who visited the island recently to look at the Runway re-surfacing and lighting project currently underway at Hanan Airport.

Downer is a New Zealand-based civil infrastructure group that designs, builds and sustains assets, infrastructure and facilities in New Zealand and across the Pacific. Downer is leading Niue’s airport lighting system improvement project and airport runway resurfacing is due to be completed in November 2023.

The Downer representatives met with Niue’s Minister for Infrastructure, Hon Crossley Tatui, Member Assisting Minister John Tiakia and senior officials to discuss the airport progress report that also includes major upgrading of the island’s quarry site, the blasting of rock bed and the crushing and stockpiling of chips at the Huihui project site.

Downer’s project delivery on Niue has been hampered by the global pandemic, impacts on shipping transport schedules, wharf space restrictions, overseas supply chains and long lead in times for the delivery of heavy machinery.

Despite this, Jeff Oldman says work plans and preparation for the runway resealing are progressing well and will take place during next year’s dry season.

“Downer has demonstrated their expertise, developing bonds with government officials, workers and importantly to improve the wellbeing of the people of Niue,” says Minister Tatui.

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