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Day and night work ensures that airport runway upgrade is going well

Work on the upgrade of the Norfolk Island Airport has gathered pace and the project is moving forward rapidly. Because of the need to ensure that runways remain open on days of scheduled flights, there has been some work undertaken on recent nights. Profiling work is undertaken at night and asphaltting during the day. The Norfolk Island Government apologises to nearby residents for any inconvenience caused by this essential project work, which will be completed in the near future.

Boral Resources, the contractor for the airport runway upgrade project, is currently making good progress on the asphalt paving work on the main runway, despite delays caused by rain, plant breakdowns and rescheduled flights. No work is undertaken on days which have regular passenger flights. A number of local residents have been employed as plant operators, and some local trucks and drivers are also being utilised to transport asphalt from the plant in the contractor's yard at the airport to the paving machine.

While the contractor is on the Island and due to the large establishment cost, the Norfolk Island Government is taking advantage of the situation, and will extend and overlay the apron so that two B737-800 Series or A320 aircraft can park on the apron at the same time. Other apron improvements, such as drainage interceptor pits, will be undertaken at a later date.

Subcontractors such as surveyors, profilers, line markers and groovers are being employed by Boral Resources for those specialist tasks. Runway lighting is also being adjusted as paving work proceeds. This work is being carried out under contract to Boral by Norfolk Island Electricity.

It is anticipated that the asphalt work will be completed in June 2006.

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Secretary to Government

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