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Applicant: The Director Operations
Department of Waterways
318 Bali Tower
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Proposed Development: Proposed Soasoa drain upgrading works (Labasa)

Proposal Number: EIA-N/61/2020

RE: DETERMINATION OF ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) SCREENING APPLICATION

The Department of Environment acknowledges receipt of your EIA screening application dated April 24, 2020. The application was screened in accordance with the process specified under Part 2; Regulation 6 of the Environment Management (EIA Process) Regulations 2007.

After careful consideration of the EIA screening application and the Operational Environment Management Plan (OEMP) it was determined that the proposed development falls under Part 3 of Schedule 2 of the Environment Management Act 2005 that does not require an EIA process or EIA report. The proposal is now considered an emergency action to be performed immediately, without time for normal planning, design or review, in order to protect against catastrophic loss of property or life, or serious harm to the environment.

In carrying out the proposed works Department of Waterways must ensure that all necessary measures are put in place to address potential environment issues that may arise during the term of works.

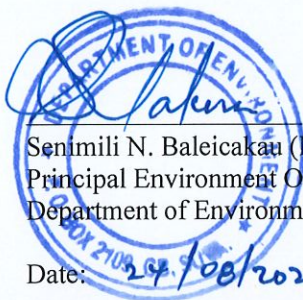
The following must be adhered to:

1. The OEMP is intended to be used by Department of Waterways (DOW) to mitigate the potential environmental impacts that may arise from this project.
2. This OEMP approval does not relieve the developer of legal requirements under other acts and legislations.
3. DOW must liaise with the Department of Lands for confirmation that the area is available for the proposed works; this must be undertaken before any works begin.
4. DOW must obtain the consent of the relevant landowning unit(s) for use of their land to access the site before any works begin.
5. DOW must ensure that the contractor and workers engaged in the activity are appropriately

trained to understand and comply with the OEMP and this approval conditions.

6. A complaint register must be kept on site to record environment related issues. Complaints raised must be recorded in the complaint register and addressed immediately.
7. Upgrading works must be confined to the approved area only.
8. The material stockpile must be placed 50m away from any watercourses, stabilized and must be rehabilitated as work progresses.
9. Disturbed site(s) must be rehabilitated at the completion of the upgrading work.
10. Water carts must be available on site to suppress dusts generated from the movement of heavy vehicles used in the operation.
11. Upgrading works must cease during periods of heavy rain and adverse weather conditions.
12. Sediment-laden water from the stockpile area must not be discharged into the waterways.
13. DOW must put in place erosion and sediment control measures prior to any desilting works.
14. Trucks and machines used for the upgrading works must not track through, or be placed in the river.
15. Refueling of vehicles and machineries must be undertaken 100m away from any waterways, in a bunded area to contain potential spills. Fuel and oil storage area must be bunded and sheltered with bund capacity large enough to contain any spills.
16. DOW must ensure that litter and other solid waste generated on-site is collected and disposed of at a Department of Environment approved disposal site.
17. An Environment Monitoring Committee (EMC) must be established and should consist of the following members:
 - Department of Lands
 - District Officer Macuata
 - Department of Waterways
 - Community Representative
18. The Department of Environment will be conducting its random monitoring inspection of the proposed development activity.
19. If any of the above conditions is breached, the Department of Environment reserves the right to cancel this approval.

Should you require any clarification, please contact Ms. Senimili Baleicakau on phone +679 3311699 or on email senimili.baleicakau@govnet.gov.fj



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