### Tereora College Redevelopment Plan

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#### MINISTER MCCULLY PLEASED WITH PROGRESS OF REDEVELOPMENT.

New Zealand's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hon. Murray McCully, is pleased with the progression of Stage 1 of the Tereora College redevelopment plan. Minister McCully fist visited the site of New Zealand's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary gift to the Cook Islands in March last year to mark the start of the project. He revisited the site last month with a delegation of New Zealand and Cook Islands officials and was very happy with how far the project had moved ahead.

New Zealand High Commissioner to the Cook Islands, H.E Peter Marshall said, "it was great to see how far advanced the work on the building is. The project is a really good example of partnerships between governments, using the expertise of local building contractors."

Work on the Technologies Centre remains ahead of schedule with all precast beams fabricated and the majority now in place. 90% of the ground floor slab and 50% of the exterior block work is complete. Work on the first floor slab will commence as soon as the much needed structural elements arrive in April. In the meantime, construction of the first floor formwork and installation of plumbing and electrical services will continue.

Work at the Student Research Centre and Administration building has advanced despite unfavourable weather conditions and shipping delays. 80% of the ground floor and 25% of the exterior block work is complete. 40% of the precast wall panels have been fabricated and the installation of plumbing and electrical services continues.

Health and safety practices on site are being closely monitored to minimize or eliminate the risk of injuries. A gate keeper has been appointed to control the movement of vehicles and personnel in and out of the project site. This is critical to ensure that they are wearing the proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and to reduce vehicle dangers. A hazard identification board is also in place. This is updated on a regular basis to notify personnel of existing hazards and how they can be minimized or eliminated. These practices can be attributed to the health and safety plan prepared by Landholdings Ltd and the induction training delivered by Site Safe New Zealand prior to the start of construction in November.

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Student Research Centre and Administration building: 80% of the ground floor and 25% of the exterior block work is complete



Technologies Centre: 90% of the ground floor slab and 50% of the exterior block work is complete. Construction of formwork for the first floor slab continues.

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The two new buildings are New Zealand's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary gift to the Cook Islands. Construction works is progressing well with milestones being achieved ahead of schedule.

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