SMEC advises on civil aviation investment in Papua New Guinea

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SMEC has been engaged by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to provide the government of Papua New Guinea (PNG) and ADB with technical advisory and due diligence support for the PNG aviation sector.

SMEC will prepare a comprehensive aviation sector strategy, support critical policy actions to achieve compliance with International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) safety standards, design an airways movement model, and develop detailed multi-disciplinary feasibility studies for modernization and upgrading of select national airports and regional airstrips.

“This is an important step in providing safe, accessible air transport services to the wider PNG population,” said Peter Ward, Transport Operations Manager, Pacific & Philippines.

The investment program aims to establish a sustainable civil aviation network to support the economic growth of the country, further strengthening and sustaining the operations of the National Airports Cooperation, PNG Air Services Limited, and the Civil Aviation Safety Authority of PNG.

SMEC has a long-standing track record of providing technical assistance consultancy on transport sector projects in the Pacific Region and specifically in PNG. “We are pleased to continue delivering industry-leading due diligence services for and on behalf of our clients and partners including the ADB,” said Peter.

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