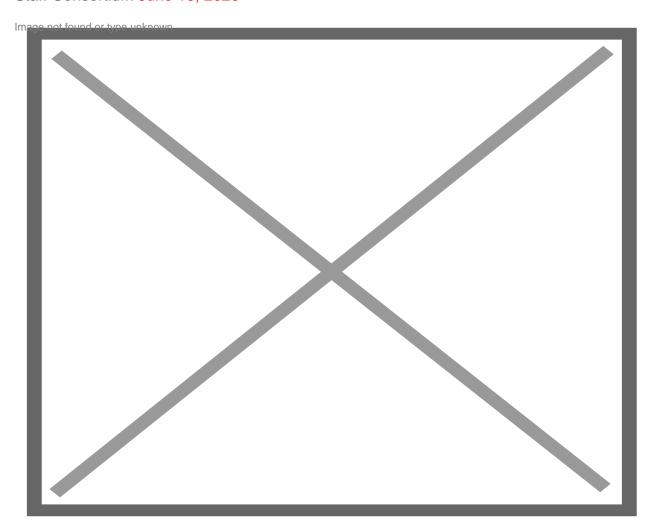
Multi-Million Dollar Rehabilitation Project Begins at St. Lucia's International Airport

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Hewanorra International Airport

CASTRIES, St. Lucia, CMC – The St. Lucia Air and Seaport Authority (SALSPA) said work has started on the multi-million dollar project to rehabilitate the Hewanorra International Airport (HIA) in the south of the island, more than a decade after plans were unveiled to improve the facility so as to meet a changing environment.

"As a statutory entity, SLASPA is governed by stringent policies. A project of this magnitude necessitates due diligence and meticulous project planning to ensure success and timely delivery," said SLASPA's general manager, Daren Cenac.

Cenac said that since the ground breaking ceremony last year, SLASPA's management and other stakeholders have finalized critical conditions for the commencement of the EC \$157 million (One EC dollar=US\$0.37 cents) Hewanorra International Airport Redevelopment Project.

Construction is being undertaken by the Taiwan based, Oversees Engineering and Construction Company (OECC), with project management, engineering and oversight by the Miami based, CBRE.

Cenac said the relocation of more than 20 airport services has started this week and that "the foundation aspect of the project, which involves the driving of more than 3000 piles will be launched simultaneously".

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