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MEGAWIDE BUILDS CLARK AIRPORT AHEAD OF DEADLINE

The construction of Clark International Airport's new passenger terminal building (PTB) remains on schedule despite the Luzon-wide enhanced community quarantine (ECQ), engineering and infrastructure conglomerate Megawide said Monday.

"Construction of the new terminal, access roads, bus station, and car parks is 96% complete with only minor works remaining. Despite any challenges we are facing, we were actually ahead of schedule before the ECQ was implemented in Luzon," said Megawide Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Edgar Saavedra.

According to Saavedra, the new terminal building shell has been substantially completed, and installation of mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire-protection (MEPF) works as well as construction of the landside works are already in the final stages.

Construction of the new Clark Airport PTB is being undertaken by MEGAWIDE GMR Construction Joint Venture, Inc. (MGCJV). MGCJV won the construction package of the Clark International Airport expansion project in December 2017 by submitting the lowest bid at P9.36 billion under a hybrid Public-Private Partnership (PPP) scheme.

Minimal Impact of ECQ on construction timeline

Saavedra also said Megawide is confident that the construction project may still be turned over to the Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) before the 31 July 2020 completion date should the lockdown end as scheduled on 14 April.

"The ECQ has minimal impact on our construction timelines for Clark International Airport primarily because engineering and construction are Megawide's core strengths and the fact that we leveraged on what we learned from the Mactan-Cebu International Airport (MCIA) expansion," he said.

Learnings from Mactan-Cebu International Airport

The partnership of Megawide and Indian airport developer GMR is also behind the development of the MCIA and the contractor of the multi-awarded MCIA Terminal 2. "We learned a lot during the construction of MCIA Terminal 2. We applied all these learnings in the Clark project, including engineering techniques such as the use of glued-laminated timber for a full roof structure, and many others," Saavedra said.

"That we were ahead of schedule in the construction of the new Clark PTB is a testament to the all the hard work and dedication of the people on the ground such as our engineering and construction teams; our architect, Integrated Design Associates, who also designed MCIA Terminal 2; and the support of our stakeholders, especially the BCDA and DOTR," he added.

The Clark International Airport's new terminal is designed to increase the capacity of the airport from 4 million passengers per annum (mppa) to 12 mppa. Clark International Airport is envisioned to be



Asia's next premier gateway and is seen to help decongest the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) in Manila. #

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