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Results demonstrate Government progress in implementing the Strategic Development Plan

The finalizing of an agreement that enables the beginning of construction next year of a world-class port is the latest evidence that the Government is making progress in implementing the Strategic Development Plan 2011-2030. The port at Tibar, about twelve kilometers west of Dili, is scheduled to be operational by 2020 and is an essential infrastructure project to support Timor-Leste's economic growth and diversification.

The Program of the Sixth Constitutional Government is guided by the Strategic Development Plan 2011-2030 which sets out how "Timor-Leste will invest in the core and productive infrastructure needed to sustain a growing, productive and connected nation."

The port will join the completion of the National Electricity Grid and the completion of quality roads and bridges as a significant component of this "core and productive infrastructure". Since 2010 Timor-Leste's national electrical capacity has risen by 130%. Household access has more than doubled.

Timor-Leste is now seeing the results of essential infrastructure development and reforms to develop a business friendly environment, with the beginning of considerable foreign investment.

Construction of the Heineken beverage plant in Hera is well underway and the plant is set to commence local production in December 2016.

TL Cement, is targeting 'ground breaking' in March 2017 and completion by the end of 2019. This Baucau based facility is scheduled for local cement supply and production in 2018.

Spokesperson for the Sixth Constitutional Government, Minister of State Agio Pereira noted "The Government is making progress in delivering on essential infrastructure as set out in the nation's Strategic Development Plan. We will continue to do what must be done to put Timor-Leste on the path of sustainable development by supporting the diversification of our economy and encouraging investment to generate employment opportunities." **ENDS**



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