



Runway 04/22 Reseal



1930 hrs on Tuesday 07 February 2012 was the start date for the long awaited reseal of the main runway 04/22. Fulton Hogan spent much of the previous week creating a stock pile of chip in preparation. The first night completed the longest stretch from the northern end to the turnoff to runway 13/31. The second night the remaining part from the south and as far as the turn off to Taxiway A was completed with the crew already departed when Drew arrived at 0600hrs. The surface received two tar coats and two chip coats. The final



chip coat was 3.3mm which is the smallest size available to Fulton-Hogan. Prior to the departure of the first scheduled flight at 0700 hrs the new seal had to be swept. The roller continued to roll during the day with the runway road-markers working on remarking in between the scheduled flights.



Due to the progressive tilt of the earth, the runway numbers (a compass bearing) were changed from 04/22 to 03/21 and this change has required widespread notification. During the day Drew manned the radio to ensure any traffic in the area had read their flight information and were aware of the machines operating on the runway and that the operator of the equipment knew what was happening and when it was necessary to vacate the runway.



The project ran smoothly and according to plan and was helped by perfect weather conditions. The runway received a further sweep on Feb 13 (Ezisweep vacuum truck). Within 3 weeks, Fulton-Hogan will complete their airport work with the re-surfacing, in 3.3mm chip, of taxiway A and in front of the terminal building.

