5. CHRISTCHURCH ART GALLERY PROGRESS REPORT

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The purpose of this report is to update the Property and Major Projects Committee on progress with the Christchurch Art Gallery.

REPORT PERIOD ENDING 2 OCTOBER 2002

PROGRESS

Basement – painting has been completed.

Ground floor – installation of precast bluestone panels and bluestone wall cladding to the Gloucester Street frontage is underway. Bluestone flooring to the ground floor galleries is approximately 75% complete. The glazed sculpture wall is progressing well with approximately 80% of the aluminium transoms and 60% of the glazing having been installed. Interior linings have been completed and painting and installation of the ceiling tiles to the galleries are continuing. The water feature and ramp to Worcester Street are underway.

First floor – interior linings, painting and installation of the suspended ceiling grids are continuing, together with the first fix of services (mechanical, electrical, fire and hydraulics). Installation of the timber floor to the galleries has commenced.

Second floor – interior linings and the first fix of services are continuing.

Plant room – painting has been completed and the installation of ductwork and water pipework is continuing.

East wall – polystyrene insulation has been installed to approx 60% of the wall.

Central (grand stair) area – the skylights have been completed.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES/APPROVALS REQUIRED

There are no outstanding issues or approvals being sought from this meeting.

PROGRAMME

The main contractor is still aiming for completion of the building on 25 November 2002. The forecourt paving will be completed beyond this date but this will not affect the fitout of the building and relocation of the existing collection from the Robert McDougall Art Gallery. The official opening will be held on 25-27 April 2003.

COST CONTROL

The approved budget is \$40,109,752.

The forecast total cost is \$39,156,303.

The total remaining contingency is \$953,449 of which \$600,000 is frozen, and is only to be used with the prior approval of the Committee.

Major changes for the month were \$7,700 for revisions to the south water feature, \$6,500 for amended floor coverings to the auditorium and \$9,000 for revised stair nosings.

The remaining contingency will be required to cover future variations, commissioning costs, final account resolution, contractor's claims and currency fluctuations.

The monthly financial report is attached.

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Recommendation: That the information be received.