

3. CHRISTCHURCH ART GALLERY: PROGRESS REPORT

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

REPORT PERIOD ENDING 30 APRIL 2001

GENERAL

The removal of existing concrete foundations from the site has been completed.

Excavation has resumed in the north-eastern corner of the site, including the installation of shoring adjacent to the Kiwi Cars building. Excavation has also started for the first section of the ground floor slabs adjacent to the Chung Wah II building. Additional hydro-carbon contamination has been discovered in this area and this is currently being discussed with Environment Canterbury.

Approximately 90% of the ground anchors have been installed. Concrete work to the basement is progressing well – 36 foundation pads and 4 columns have been poured, and the basement walls and floor slabs in the south-eastern corner of the site are under way. The tower crane base has been poured and the tower crane has been erected. Hydro-carbon testing of the de-watering has moved out to a monthly frequency due to the extremely low levels being recorded.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES

The final construction details for the sculpture wall to the Montreal Street frontage have almost been finalised following discussions with the subcontractor and architect. A number of savings have been identified and the size of the transoms has been increased following a recommendation from the architect and subcontractor. The net result of the changes will be an additional cost of approximately \$19,000 which will be funded from other project savings or the contingency sum.

APPROVALS REQUIRED

There are no approvals being sought from this meeting.

PROGRAMME

The project is around five weeks behind programme due to delays caused by the contaminated soil/de-watering issues and removal of the additional existing concrete foundations. However the contractor is still targeting completion by the original completion date of 30 September 2002.

COST CONTROL

The approved budget is \$39,886,600.
The forecast total cost is \$38,170,523.
The total remaining contingency is \$1,716,077 (plus \$250,000 to be used for stone floor coverings to the ground floor galleries).

The monthly financial report is attached.

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Recommendation: That the information be received.