

ABSTRACT

A Study of the Crown Point Aerodrome Development Project

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This Project Report is an investigative study of the Crown Point Aerodrome Development Project. It documents and critically reviews the planning and execution of the project from concept through to construction. It is also a Case Study which investigates the implications for the local construction sector of an emerging new type of contractual arrangement (a tripartite agreement). This scheme was developed by local financiers led by FINCOR and approved by the government of Trinidad and Tobago, in an attempt to revitalise the local construction sector and simultaneously pursue its development programme.

The study investigates the extent to which modern construction techniques have been applied on this project, and by extension, serves to provide some insight into the present stage of evolution of the local construction sector. Finally the study examines the roles played by the major actors (client, financiers, consultant and main contractor) on this

project and outlines potential future trends, emerging contract types and contractual relationships within the local construction sector.

Data for this study was collected through interviews with representatives of all the parties to the different formal contracts, and by researching the existing project files. It should be noted that the CPM chart is too bulky to include in this report. The analysis undertaken is a critical review of the observed trends, and is conducted mainly by comparison of these trends with accepted good practice as outlined in the taught courses, and in selected writings by respected authors. Logical extrapolations of observations are also included.

The Project Report is written in such a manner that each Chapter is linked to the preceding and succeeding ones. The author therefore advises that a full appreciation of the work can only be gained by reading the entire Project Report.

The conclusions summarise the important revelations about national planning and the local construction sector which have been brought to light by this study.