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Colas has been awarded a contract to refurbish the runway at Hewanorra International Airport in Saint Lucia



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The COLAS JV consortium, comprising SOGETRA, a Colas Group subsidiary in Guadeloupe, Colas France and Colas Madagascar, has secured a €46 million contract from the Saint Lucia Air and Sea Ports Authority (SLASPA) for the rehabilitation of the runway at Hewanorra International Airport in Saint Lucia. Funded by the World Bank, this project will begin in early 2027 and will run for 18 months. The airport will remain in operation during the works.

As Saint Lucia's main international air gateway, the airport welcomed more than 850,000 passengers in 2025. Its runway, which was last fully rehabilitated by Colas over 30 years ago, will be modernized to enhance the safety and resilience of this infrastructure, which is vital to the island's economy.

In order to minimize disruption to air traffic, the work on the airport's runway will be carried out at night during designated closure periods. The project will include improvements to the airport's stormwater drainage system, widening the runway by 15 meters to bring it up to standard, milling and replacing the runway surface, and upgrading the airfield lighting system.

The works will be carried out by SOGETRA teams, alongside teams from Colas Grands Travaux France, drawing on their expertise in airport infrastructure and experience in working at sites that remain operational.

Colas has also undertaken to involve local businesses in the implementation of the project as requested by the Saint Lucia government.

> *Rehabilitating a runway while keeping an airport operational presents a demanding technical and operational challenge. This new contract reflects the trust placed in our teams and our ability to combine international expertise with a strong local presence. Together with SOGETRA, we are proud to contribute to the modernization of this strategic infrastructure, which is essential to Saint Lucia's economic development,* says **Thierry Méline, Executive Vice-President, France & Indian Ocean.**

Colas has extensive experience in the construction and rehabilitation of airport infrastructure worldwide. In recent years, the Group has refurbished runways at Paris-Orly, Paris-Charles-de-Gaulle and Nice Côte d'Azur in particular. Internationally, Colas has also completed the third runway at Bangkok Airport and carried out taxiway reconstruction works at Los Angeles International Airport.

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Colas, a subsidiary of the Bouygues Group, is a major player in the construction and maintenance of transportation infrastructure and urban development. Colas covers the entire value chain: from industrial production to service offerings, including construction work. Thanks to its local presence in some fifty countries on five continents, Colas achieved a consolidated revenue of €16 billion in 2025, 59% of which is outside France. With its 62,000 employees, a network of 2,000 operating units comprising 3,500 production units, and nearly 45,000 projects per year, Colas is the trusted partner of its customers. Colas maintains its pioneering, innovative and responsible spirit to connect people and foster the sustainable development of territories.

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