

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **TERNA: Progress in the construction of the new International Airport of Heraklion, Crete, is over 30%.**

The political leadership of the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport visited the construction site in Kastelli.

The construction of the new International Airport of Heraklion, Crete (IAHC), is progressing at an intensive pace by TERNA, the progress exceeds 30% according to its new improved design. This was observed during the visit today to the construction site in Kastelli by the political leadership of the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport, led by Minister Christos Staikouras.

In more detail, regarding the Airport area, the earthworks and anti-flooding projects throughout the airport have been completed. Additionally, the road paving works in the aircraft parking area have been completed as well, while the road paving works are in progress in the runway-taxiway areas.

With regards to building works, the construction of the Police building and the supporting structure of the water building is almost complete.

At the Central Terminal Building, the works of the Carrier Organization are in full progress, including the completion of the basement, ground floor, and arrivals corridor levels. At the same time, the construction of special systems for the Central Station Building has commenced, while the works for the construction of the departure bridge in the Terminal Building are being carried out.

Finally, the foundation works for the Control Tower have commenced, along with excavation works at the Fire Station. Construction works for the supporting structure of the Substation building are also in progress.

For the Road Connections of the Airport (connection to NRAC /SRAC), in the Northern connection of the Airport (NRAC – Airport), the section from K.P. 7+020 to the Airport entrance (K.P. 18+624) has been completed by 70%, and the section from the Hersonissos Junction to K.P. 3+800 is completed by 45%. The Southern connection of the Airport (SRAC) has been completed by 75%. It is worth noting that approximately 900 people are employed at the construction site.

It is reminded that the company “International Airport of Heraklion, Crete” (IAHC), has been established for the construction and management of the New International Airport in Kastelli, Crete, the second most visited airport in the country. The stakeholders in this venture include the Greek State (45.90%), GEK TERNA S.A. (32.46%), and GMR Airports Ltd (21.64%).

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The geopolitical position of Crete, its tourism development, the need for a high-level tourism product, the utilization in the best possible way of the primary production of Crete and the need for holistic promotion of Cretan Nutrition and Health, a strong Transport Hub is required for Crete, Greece and the wider Mediterranean region. In this direction, the new improved design of the airport is based.

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