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Subject: **Main Slab Concrete Pour Wairau Hospital Redevelopment Project**

The first concrete will be poured tomorrow for the first stage of construction of the Wairau Hospital Redevelopment Project.

The concrete pour marks an important milestone for the redevelopment project which commenced on the 22nd of September 2008.

“This is a monumental time for the project. The visual impact of the construction works on the site is creating excitement within the community and the hospital staff. Looking at the construction site, it is encouraging to see the progress Hawkins Construction Ltd has made in the past 3 weeks,” said Martin Ridgway, Project Director.

A time capsule is being prepared and will be placed under the concrete floor of the new Chapel. This will contain items such as the new hospital plans, Ex-Site Newsletters, photos of the construction progress and Project Team, an Annual Report and some memorabilia from around the existing hospital.

Construction is currently on program and expected to be completed in December 2010.

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