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Massawa, 13 May 2010- The Minister of Public Works, Mr. Abraha Asfaha laid a stone for the foundation of a new petroleum jetty in the Hirgigo Bay which will be constructed at the cost of USD 31.6 million.

The construction of the project which is being funded by the Eritrean government and development partners, will be undertaken by Soyut Construction and Engineering Co. of Turkey following an international bidding. The project is expected to be completed within 22 months.

The construction of the new petroleum jetty will include, 1110 meters of access road, about 275 meters of rock bund, a piled jetty of about 819 meters, a jetty head of 30 meters, and 2,300 meters of pipelines of varying diameters.

Being part of the endeavors to renovate national ports, the project will not only replace the current jetty but will also be able to accommodate large vessels.

In the statement he made during the signing of the agreement, the Director of the Eritrean Port Authority and the Eritrean Free Zone, Dr. Araya Tsegay underlined the importance of the project in effecting economic progress and ensuring efficient services in the Free Zone.

The President of the Soyut Construction Co., Mr. Hassan Cholak on his part said that the construction of the modern jetty will not only boost Eritrea's economy but will also play an important role in promoting Eritrean-Turkish relations.

Veteran fighter Romodan Mohammed Nur, PFDJ Secretary, Mr. Al-Amin Mohammed Sied, the Minister of Fisheries, Mr. Tewelde Kelati, Administrator of the port city of Massawa, Ms. Fana Tesfamariam and other officials were present during the inauguration ceremony.