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Explanatory Note concerning the arrangement of contents

Insofar as appropriate the template for EIA reports specified in the Ministry of Environment Guide to Project Proponents has been followed. However, it should be noted that concerning the matter of alternatives, this has not been presented separately as recommended in the guide. The reasoning behind this is that the consideration of alternatives has been integrated into the discussion of the project justification and of the approach taken to each element of the project.

A Non-Technical Summary of this Impact Assessment is already provided at the beginning of this report.

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Acronyms

AFD	Agence Française de Développement (French Development Agency)
BH	Borehole
BOD ₅	Biochemical Oxygen Demand (5 day)
COD	Chemical Oxygen Demand
CWA	Central Water Authority
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EPA	Environmental Protection Act
GHG	GreenHouse Gas
GN	Government Notice
IPCC	Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change
JICA	Japan International Cooperation Agency
MoE	Ministry of Environment
MoFEE	Ministry of Finance and Economic Empowerment
MREPU	Ministry of Renewable Energy and Public Utilities
MUR	Mauritian Rupee
OPS	Outline Planning Scheme
RDA	Road Development Authority
STP	Sewage Treatment Plant (also WWTP)
T-P	Total Phosphorus
TKN	Total Nitrogen (Kjeldahl)
TSS	Total Suspended Solids
WMA	Wastewater Management Authority
WWTP	Wastewater Treatment Plant

