



## **RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY Executive Council**

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

**The Executive Council met at 10.00 hours this Friday 5 February 2010 under the chairmanship of the Chief Commissioner, Mr. J. ROUSSETY, G.O.S.K and has, among its deliberations:**

**DECIDED:**

(i) to approve the signature of a "contrat de Délégation" between the Rodrigues Regional Assembly and the Rodrigues Water Company Ltd relating to the transfer of the following operations in connection with the water supply in Rodrigues:-

- Water storage, treatment and distribution;
- Operation and maintenance of the service reservoirs, treatment plants, pumping stations, desalination plants, brackish water treatment plants and pipe network including the associated control valves;
- Maintenance of the dams, springs, boreholes and river intakes;
- Monitoring of the yield of boreholes, springs, river intakes, dams, desalination plants and brackish water treatment plants;
- Monitoring of water quality;
- Sensitizing the customers to rain water harvesting and water saving techniques; and
- Billing the customers and collection of water charges

The transfer will be effected in phases and it is expected that the operations within the south section will be transferred in April 2010.

(ii) to approve that Mr. Jacques Cantin RAFFAUT be appointed as Director on the Board of "Discovery Rodrigues Co. Ltd" in line with the RRA (Investment Management) Regulations 2008. Discovery Rodrigues Co Ltd, a company fully owned by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly is responsible for managing the Tourism Office and tourist sites at Ile Aux Cocos and Caverne Patate.

**DECIDED:**

- (iii) to approve that an applicant should be holder of a lease or be a private land owner to be eligible for the grant of financial assistance of Rs 25,000 under the rainwater harvesting scheme for the construction of a domestic concrete water tank of 18m<sup>3</sup>. The main objective of this scheme is to encourage and optimize water collection and storage through rain water harvesting to mitigate the acute shortage of water in the island, particularly during the dry season. Payment of the grant to approved beneficiaries shall be disbursed in two installments as follows:
- (a) Rs 15,000 once construction have reached beam level to the satisfaction of the Commission for Housing; and
  - (b) Rs 10,000 on completion of the construction of the reservoir and it has been connected to the roof of the house of the beneficiary.
- (iv) that in the context of the construction of the new market at Port Mathurin, the hawkers who are operating within the site earmarked for the project will be relocated temporarily to an alternative site to be identified. The Public Health Services will supervise the relocation exercise and the hawkers will be given a period of two weeks to move out to the new site.

**TAKEN NOTE:**

- (i) that the terms and conditions for the issue of large net fishing licence for year 2010 have been revised by including among others these new conditions:-
- (a) All the names of the persons to be engaged in the netting operations shall be submitted to the Officer in Charge, Fisheries Protection Service for approval;
  - (b) The licence is subject to any change in the regulations as may be made in due course under the Fisheries and Marine Reserves Act 2007;
  - (c) No fishing shall be carried out in the four Marine Reserves at Riviere Banane, Passe Démie, Grand Bassin and English Bay;

- (d) No fishing shall be carried out in the no take zones identified within the South East Marine Protected Area;
  - (e) The licensee shall not make use of any pocket nets which is of dimensions less than what is prescribed in the Fisheries and Marine Resources Act or any fisheries regulations;
  - (f) All agents, fishers and workers shall be remunerated as per existing labour laws and the Head agents shall produce all documentations in respect thereof;
  - (g) Only the boats mentioned in the licence shall be used in connection with the fishing operations;
  - (h) The licensee shall not catch or sell undersized fish;
  - (i) The licensee shall not sell fish at a price higher that what is prescribed by law; and
  - (j) Any single breach of the conditions of the licence will entail the immediate cancellation of the licence.
- (ii) of the results of the Cambridge School Certificate/GCE“O” Examinations for year 2009. A total of 546 candidates took part in the examinations out of which 406 have passed representing an overall pass rate of 73.80% compared to 71.65% in 2008. The performance of the five colleges are detailed below:

<b>SNO</b>	<b>SECONDARY SCHOOL</b>	<b>NO. OF CANDIDATES IN 2009</b>	<b>NO. OF PASSES IN 2009</b>	<b>% PASSES IN 2009</b>	<b>% PASSES IN 2008</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
1	Rodrigues College	115	115	100%	98.70%	+1.3% points
2	Le Chou College	121.	98	80.99%	70.50%	+10.50 points
3	Marechal College	114	82	71.93%	75.49%	-3.56%
4	Grande Montagne College	92	45	48.91%	43%	+5.91 points
5	Mont Lubin College	104	63	60.58%	61.80%	-1.23% points

**TAKEN NOTE:**

- (iii) that Mr. D. S. KHAMAJEET, Chairman of the Mauritius Sports Council will lead a delegation of eight (8) persons on an official mission to Rodrigues from 18 to 20 February 2010. The objective of the mission is to carry out awareness and sensitization programme with colleges and the Sports community in Rodrigues on Sports Medicine and community based sports programme.
  
- (iv) of the programme of visit of a delegation from the UNDP headed by its Resident Representative, Mr. Joseph BYLL-CATARIA as from 4 to 6 February 2010. The purpose of the mission is to discuss the collaboration between RRA and UNDP on water resource management, renewable energy development, support to the Economic Planning and Monitoring Unit (EPMU), progress on the South East Marine Protected Area project and the Maurice Ile Durable (MID) initiative.
  
- (v) that as at Wednesday 3 February 2010 following the placement of 42 boxes in various institutions, an amount of Rs 152,462.91 has been collected and credited to the "Fonds de Solidarité" set up by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly in favour of the victims of the earthquake in Haiti. This amount and the Rodrigues Regional Assembly's contribution of Rs 50,000 will be transferred to the Prime Minister's Haiti Relief Fund to assist in the reconstruction and relief efforts being undertaken in favour of the stricken Haitian population.
  
- (vi) of the outcome of the mission to Mauritius of Mr. J. C. AGATHE, Commissioner for Youth and Sports from 24 January to 2 February 2010 where he met Honourable R. BEEBEEJAUN, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Renewable Energy and Public Utilities, Honourable M. A. A. DULLUL, Minister of Information and Communication Technology, official of Ministry of Finance and Economic Empowerment, officials of Emtel, the Chairman of Mauritius Sports Council and discussed joint projects and programme to be implemented in Rodrigues,

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