



RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY Executive Council

PRESS RELEASE

The Executive Council met at 10.00 hours this Friday 27 August 2010 under the chairmanship of the Chief Commissioner, Mr. J. ROUSSETY, G.O.S.K and has, among its deliberations:

DECIDED:

To approve the construction of housing units on a "Build and Rent" scheme for the low income families benefitting from either social aid or earning less than Rs 5,000 monthly and who are unable to secure a financial loan for the construction of a house against payment of a monthly rental fee. The allocation process of these housing units and the collection of rental fees will be managed by the Rodrigues Housing and Property Development Company Ltd.

TAKEN NOTE:

- (i) that the Chief Commissioner's Office has solicited the support of the UNDP and the UNESCO on the project of setting up an audiovisual unit/local television in Rodrigues where local TV programmes will be produced in Rodrigues and retransmitted on TV and distributed to the population through CDs as well as through web-based diffusion. The unit will also retransmit live events on the local TV and produce specific educational and cultural local programmes for the public.
- (ii) that two regatta teams from Rodrigues will participate on Sunday 29 August in Mauritius in a Fishermen and Professional Regatta Competition which is being organised by the Ministry of Arts & Culture in collaboration with the Mauritius Yatching Sports Club and the Pointe Jerome Yatch Club to commemorate the Bicentenary of the Naval Battle of Grand Port.

TAKEN NOTE:

- (iii) that a contract for the construction of a 1,000 m³ reservoir at Crève Coeur is being awarded by the Commission for Water Resources to Laxmanbhai (Mtius) Co Ltd for the sum of Rs 11,739,145.50 (exclusive of VAT). The works will consist of the construction of a 1,000m³ reinforced concrete reservoir and other ancillary works which will provide water for distribution at Fond La Digue, Port Mathurin, Crève Coeur and Anse aux Anglais.

- (iv) that the Chief Commissioner's Office is compiling a list of potential suppliers in Rodrigues and Mauritius who are willing to be registered for the supply of goods, works and services. At closing date of 30 September 2010, a shortlist of potential suppliers will be circulated to all Commissions to be used for Restricted Bidding Procurement method.

- (v) that the Commission for Education in collaboration with the Ministry of Tertiary Education, Science, Research and Technology and the Rajiv Gandhi Science Centre organised "La Caravane de la Science" in Rodrigues over three days from Saturday 21 August to Monday 23 August 2010 where activities involving a planetarium show, science talks, science shows, film shows and science exhibitions were organised. In this context, Dr. the honourable Rajeshwar JEETAH, Minister of Tertiary Education, Science, Research and Technology was in Rodrigues and launched "La Caravane de la Science" on Saturday 21 August 2010 at the Regional Cultural and Leisure Centre at Mon Plaisir.

- (vi) that the Medical Appeal Tribunal will hold sessions under the Chairmanship of Magistrate Miss P. V. VEERABUDREN on 27 and 28 August 2010 to hear cases in which the local Medical Board has not recommended payment of benefits to applicants. Sixty appellants will be convened for the medical sessions.

TAKEN NOTE:

- (vii) that Commission for Marine Parks has under the SEMPA Project contracted the services of a lawyer to review the proposed Regulation for the South East Marine Protected Areas. The Rodrigues Regional Assembly (Fisheries and Marine Resources – South East Marine Protected Areas) Regulations 2010 which delimits the boundary of the Marine Protected Areas (MPA) has been gazetted in February 2009. However, the proposed amendment to this Regulation which aims for better management and conservation for Marine Reserves need to be enacted along with other regulations. The objectives of this review exercise are:
- (a) to make the regulations more flexible to allow for adoptive management; and
 - (b) to meet the requirements for co-management for effective development of the MPA and management of its resources.
- (viii) that a contract is being awarded by the Commission for Public Infrastructure for the construction of a Green space at Riviere Banane to New Development Property Ltd for the sum of Rs 906,539.25, inclusive of VAT. The works will consist inter-alia of:-
- (a) the construction of a parking area;
 - (b) the supply and fixing of pine pole barrier; and
 - (c) the construction of kiosks and gates
- (ix) that a delegation for the Ministry of Youth and Sports, led by its Permanent Secretary and Technical Officers of the Ministry of Public Infrastructure is on mission in Rodrigues from 27 to 29 August 2010. During their visit they will :-
- (a) effect a visit at Camp du Roi stadium followed by a technical meeting regarding the renovation of the stadium;
 - (b) launch the young Entrepreneur club at the Malabar Gymnasium;
 - (c) hold a meeting for the setting up of "Comité National de Suivi et de Soutien" (CNSS), Rodrigues Branch at the Youth Counselling Centre, Malabar; and
 - (c) effect a site visit at Grand La Fouche Corail for the proposed construction of a gymnasium.

TAKEN NOTE:

- (x) that the Health Director Dr. S.P.W MAHARAJE, the Community Physician Dr. S. BUNDHOO and the Nursing Administrator Mr. I. VALIMAMODE, from the Rodrigues Health Services attended a conference on the Management of Cardiovascular and related diseases on 23 and 24 August 2010 in Mauritius where they interacted with eminent Professors in Cardiology, Internal Medicine, Nephrology and Diabetes.

- (xi) that the Small Planters' Welfare Fund (SPWF) will offer ten scholarships for academic studies at secondary level, out of which two will be reserved for Rodriguan applicants, and two scholarships for academic studies at tertiary level for the year 2010. Communiqués will be published in local newspapers and broadcasted on MBC radio inviting potential candidates in Rodrigues to submit their application.

- (xii) that the Commission for Agriculture is constructing an office at Baie Malgache which will be used as an extension unit by the Commission to counsel planters in that region.

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