



## **RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY Executive Council**

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

**The Executive Council met at 10.00 hours this Friday 30 September 2011 under the chairmanship of the Chief Commissioner, Mr. Gaetan JABEEMISSAR, G.O.S.K. and has, among its deliberations:**

#### **DECIDED:-**

- (i) to approve the construction of an access road towards Terre Rouge College for an estimated cost of Rs 7,989,587.75 VAT inclusive. The project will consist of the construction of a road of 350 m. The access road will follow the existing track road up to the junction near the bus stop. The road will be 6m wide with a footway of 1.50 m made up of bituminous concrete. There will also be a shallow drain on the right hand side and a low masonry edge on the left hand side.

After completion of the access road necessary arrangements are being made with the Private Secondary School Authority (PSSA) and the Ministry of Education and Human Resources for the opening of the school in January 2012.

- (ii) the proposed "Prix de Reserve" of stalls in the different markets of Rodrigue for the sale will be carried out on 30 September 2011 according to the public notice. The Notice has been affixed on Notice Board, in local newspapers and is being broadcast on Radio since 15 to 30 September 2011.

## **DECIDED:-**

- (iii) The Rodrigues Housing and Property Development Company Ltd. has already made the arrangements with the Court Manager, Court of Rodrigues for the sale of meat stalls in the market of Port Mathurin, Mont. Lubin, Petit Gabriel and La Ferme through Public Auction.
- (iv) that the Commissioner for Health will lead a delegation to participate in the 10<sup>th</sup> Indian Ocean Colloquium on HIV and AIDS in Madagascar from 6 to 11 November, 2011. The colloquium on HIV/AIDS is an annual event with a view to enable all Stakeholders in the Indian Ocean to meet, discuss and join efforts to combat HIV/AIDS.
- (v) that the Commission for Agriculture sign an MOU on behalf of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly with La Chambre de Métiers et de l'Artisanat de la Reunion. The objective of the MOU is to further develop and promote the handicraft sector as well as the Agro sector and to facilitate exchange between Rodrigues and Reunion Island.
- (vi) that the Commission for State Land apply the same standard rent proposed by the Chief Government Valuer on 31 August 2004 up to 30 June 2014 to cover a 10-years period and a 50% increase in the standard rent for the next 10-year period. Rent for leases exceeding the prescribed extent of 80 toises (304 m<sup>2</sup>) will be claimed on a pro-rata basis up to an additional extent of 100 m<sup>2</sup>.

The Cadastral Office is presently in the presence of about 700 applications for commercial leases awaiting the visit of the CGV for fixing of rental fees. With a view to palliate the delay caused by the Valuation Department, it is felt that these pending cases will take a very long time to be finalized. Therefore pending a reply from the CGV, the same standard rent as mentioned above was applicable until about the year 2009 when the Cadastral Office has been seeking the rental of all cases of commercial leases.

**NOTED :-**

(i) of the Mauritius Examination Syndicate procedures for admission of students to Form 1 in 2012. Seats in Form 1 are allocated by the Mauritius Examinations Syndicate (MES) according to the following criteria:-

- parents' choice
- CPE overall grade aggregate
- Proximity of residence to the secondary school in case of ties

(ii) that a Post Graduate Diploma in Educational Leadership (PGDEL) will be launched in Rodrigues on Monday 3 October 2011. The PGDEL part-time (Rodrigues), which will be delivered by the Mauritius Institute of Education (MIE), is a one and a half year programme (3 semesters) for Educators/Deputy Rectors and Rectors practising in Rodrigues.

The aim of the programme is to offer the possibility to Educators/Deputy Rectors and Rectors to become acquainted with and knowledgeable in a set of management and leadership skills for their future professional practices, to share experiences, to discuss commonly faced problems and find their likely solutions.

(iii) that the Deputy Chief Commissioner will lead a Rodriguan Delegation comprising of a group of 35 persons consisting of local tourism operators and fifteen artists in "Florilèges 2011" in Reunion Island from 05 to 17 October 2011. The objective is to meet professionals of the Tourism Sector (such as travel agents and associations) including the general public with a view to attract more visitors to Rodrigues.

(iv) the outcome of my mission of the Deputy Chief Commissioner accompanied with the Departmental Head in Mauritius from Monday 05 to Thursday 08 September 2011. Amongst others they had meeting with Hon. Marie Francesca Maria Mireille MARTIN, Minister of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare and the Permanent Secretary at her ministry to discuss about further collaboration between the Commission and the Ministry. They also had meeting with Honourable Michael SIK YUEN, Minister of Tourism and Leisure who reaffirmed his commitment to help Rodrigues in the promotion and development of tourism in Rodrigues.

**NOTED :-**

- (v) that in line with the Rodrigues Regional Assembly (Tourism) Regulations 2007 which under Section 3 there should be the establishment of a Tourism Advisory Committee with the Departmental Head responsible for Tourism as its Chairperson and 6 other persons, having wide experience in the tourism industry and related matters, the Deputy Chief Commissioner and also responsible for Tourism has appointed members to sit on the said committee:

The function of the Tourism Advisory Committee is to: -

- advise the Commissioner in the formulation of policies for sustainable development of tourism in Rodrigues;
  - make recommendations to the Commissioner on matters relating to tourism promotion and development;
  - advise the Commissioner on standards for carrying out operations for tourist enterprises; and
  - advise the Commissioner on the structure of the tourist enterprise licence's fees for the tourism industry.
- (vi) That the Commission for Youth and Sports will provide a return air ticket to Mr. Jean Claude SPEVILLE to enable him to accompany a delegation of five persons to participate at the Wako Kickboxing Senior World Champions at Skopje in Macedonia from 20-30 October 2011. For recall, two Rodriguans namely AGATHE Veejaye and PERRINE Facson form part of the delegation.
- (vii) That Mr. Antony LADIOSKA, Administrative Coordinator at the Information and Communication Technology Authority (ICTA) will be on mission to Rodrigues to assist in the setting up of a framework for data entry operations from 13-14 October 2011. The main objectives will to evaluate the requirements for: -
- a) the spreading out of data capture activities in Rodrigues;
  - b) the setting up of a first unit to be supported by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly whose purpose would be to digitalise documents of the RRA; and
  - c) the definition of a marketing plan for Rodrigues to attract BOP type activities in Rodrigues.

**NOTED :-**

- (viii) That the Commission for Social Security will celebrate the International Day for the Elderly which will be held on Sunday 9 October, 2011 at Ile Michel as from 10.00 hours. Some two thousand (2,000) participants are expected to attend and necessary arrangements have been made to issue a pack lunch, a fruit, water and transport to each participant. It is expected this year that the guest of honour will be the Honourable S. BAPPOO G.O.S.K, Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity and Reform Institutions will attend this event.

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