MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE (ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE DIVISION) NOTICE UNDER THE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION ACT

Notice is hereby given under Section 28(5) of the Environment Protection Act 2002 that the project mentioned below has been declared an **exempt undertaking** and that the **Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) has been approved.**

The undertaking concerns the EIA for Proposed Construction of Verdun Bypass from Verdun to Alma.

The proponent is the Road Development Authority.

The conditions attached to the approval of the EIA are as follows:

- 1. Notwithstanding all the other permits and clearances from the relevant authorities, a clearance from the Geotechnical Unit shall be obtained and all the conditions attached therewith shall be scrupulously observed. A copy of all the permits/clearance obtained shall be submitted to the Director of Environment.
- **2.** The development shall be undertaken as per the mitigating measures stated in the EIA report and the additional information submitted unless as otherwise advised herein.
- **3.** In accordance with section 18(2)(1) of the Environment Protection Act 2002, the proponent shall submit to the Director of Environment, an Environmental Monitoring Plan (EMP) for approval. The proponent shall thereafter submit reports on the implementation accordingly.
- **4.** The Department of Environment shall be informed in writing of the date of completion of all works on site, with copy of the as-built layout plan, prior to the start of operation.
- **5.** The proponent shall ensure that any landlocked site shall be provided with alternative accesses.
- 6. Excavated soil and inert construction and demolition wastes shall be used as backfilling. Non-inert construction and demolition wastes shall be segregated and sent to recyclers. Recyclable wastes shall be sorted out and sent to registered recyclers. Non-recyclable wastes shall be disposed at Mare Chicose Landfill.
- 7. Necessary authorisation shall be obtained from the Land Drainage Authority in line with the Finance (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2021 pertaining to construction of culvert and bridge across River Profonde.
- 8. The proponent shall obtain prior authorization from the Forestry Service for any felling of trees within the reserve of River Profonde. No further development shall be allowed within the reserve of River Profonde and shall at no time be interfered with. No materials shall be deposited within the reserve of River Profonde.
- **9.** The drainage systems designed and implemented shall ensure that the downstream areas and settlements are not affected by flooding caused by the project during and post construction. The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Centre (NDRRMC) must be notified in case of any unforeseen event which is directly related to NDRRMC's activities.

- 10. At construction stage, all domestic wastewater shall be disposed of into existing on-site wastewater disposal systems or in retention tank(s) and carted away by private registered wastewater carriers to a Wastewater Management Authority's approved wastewater disposal site.
- 11. The development shall not give rise to noise and odour nuisances. Noisy activities shall not be carried out after normal working hours and during weekends.
- **12.** Machines and plant shall be maintained in good working condition and adequate measures shall be taken so as to avoid excessive noise emanation.
- 13. Electric motors such as pumps, compressors, generators and other noise generating equipment shall be housed in sound attenuating structures as far as practicable so that noise generated therefrom be within permissible limits as per EPA (Standard for Noise Regulations) during construction.
- **14.** The on-site wastewater disposal system, the construction and demolition waste storage area and the storage facilities for fuel and chemicals shall be located at not less than 30m from any natural watercourse.
- **15.** The proponent shall take all mitigating measures to prevent contamination of the river water during construction of the bridge.
- **16.** All drainage infrastructures shall be designed and constructed to the satisfaction of the Land Drainage Authority and the District Council of Moka. A maintenance plan shall be submitted to the Land Drainage Authority and strict maintenance shall be adhered to for an effective drainage system.
- 17. Necessary precautions shall be taken during site preparation and infrastructural works so as not to cause any nuisance by way of noise, dust and vibration nuisances to the public and the surrounding environment.
- **18.** A proper line of communication (including provision of contact details of person responsible for environmental issues) shall be established with the inhabitants of the to ensure effective monitoring and prompt actions by the proponent to address any grievances and environmental nuisances in terms of noise, dust and mud entrainment amongst others.
- **19.** In case of environmental nuisances arising from this development, this Ministry in consultation with other authorities concerned may impose additional conditions, which shall be strictly observed and will take necessary actions in accordance with the provisions of the Environment Protection Act.
- **20.** Any proposed deviation shall be subject to an application to the Director of Environment. No deviation or part thereof shall be executed prior to the determination of the application by the Director.

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