**Communique**

**Online application for EIA and PER on the National Electronic Licensing System (NELS)**

The Ministry ofEnvironment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change is pleased to inform the public that applications for an Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) License and Preliminary Environment Report (PER) Approval can now be made online. Applicants should log on to the National Electronic Licensing System (NELS) platform via <https://business.edbmauritius.org>.

The system will operate on a trial basis for a period of up to 31 December 2020. Applicants are advised that application for EIA and PER should be done through the NELS platform. Applications done in hard copies would be accepted only in exceptional cases during the trial period, after which applications should be done solely using the NELS platform

The public is also informed that:

* At times of application, 3 hardcopies will henceforth be required to be submitted for EIA and 1 hardcopy for PER, in lieu of 15 and 10 copies, respectively.
* EIA reports will be accessible on the platform for public comments.
* Online payment facilities are available.
* Applicants will be able to monitor the status of their applications through the NELS.

For any further information, please contact the Ministry on 203 6200, and for IT queries, please email the NELS Helpdesk at support@edbmauritius.org or call the Economic Development Board on 203 3880

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