

## **CABINET DECISIONS – 3 MAY 2013**

1. Cabinet conveys its deepest sympathy to the bereaved families and the victims of the road accident that occurred on the morning on Friday 3 May 2013 along Motorway M1 at Sorèze, causing the loss of 10 lives and injury to around 33 persons. The Police has started an enquiry into the causes of the accident.

Cabinet agreed to Saturday 4 May 2013 being declared a day of national mourning.

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2. Cabinet has taken note that the Penalty Point System would be effective as from 10 May 2013.

Cabinet has also taken note that all speed cameras that have been installed, would also be operational as from 10 May 2013.

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3. In line with Government Programme 2012-2015, Cabinet has agreed to the setting up of a National Strategic Transformation Commission, under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister, to develop a medium-term common vision, establish priorities, provide insight for the preparation of the Economic and Social Transformation Plan and advise on strategic orientations and sectoral goals and targets.

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4. Cabinet has taken note of the status in the implementation of social housing projects on land acquired from the Mauritius Sugar Producers' Association under the 2000 Arpents Scheme. Housing Units and Serviced Lots Projects would be implemented at Pointe aux Piments, Sebastopol, Quatre Cocos, Camp Ithier, Beau Bois, Chebel, Melrose, Mon Goût, Petit Bel Air, Souillac, Surinam, Khoyratty, Henrietta, Piton, Beau Songes and Mme Azor, Goodlands.

Cabinet has also taken note that about 100 arpents would be allocated for the setting up of industrial parks for small and medium enterprises at Vuillemin/Quartier Militaire, Plaine Magnien, Solitude, Bel Air Rivière Sèche, Chebel, Henrietta, Bambous, Bassin, Piton, L'Amitié and La Gaulette.

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5. Cabinet has taken note that the sections of the Cadastral Survey Act 2011 relating to the establishment of new standards and procedures for the conduct of land surveys, and the extension of some specific provisions of the legislation to Rodrigues, would be proclaimed as from 1 July 2013. Moreover, the Minister of Housing and Lands would promulgate the Cadastral Survey (Land Surveys) Regulations, the Cadastral Survey (Land Surveys in Rodrigues) Regulations and the Cadastral Land Survey (Registration of Memorandum of Survey and Survey Report in Rodrigues) Regulations to enable the conduct of land surveying and the maintenance and updating of the digital cadastral database that has been set up at the Ministry of Housing and Lands under the LAVIMS Project.

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6. Cabinet has taken note of the status in the construction of a specialized building for hi-tech manufacturing at the Rose Belle Business Park as announced in Budget Speech 2013 to facilitate manufacturing activities. A dedicated and stand alone building would also be constructed to accommodate an anchor client. The development of the projects would create about 1,500 jobs by 2014 and 5,000 jobs by 2015.

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7. Cabinet has taken note that a Tertiary Education Bill would shortly be introduced in the National Assembly to provide a general framework for the Tertiary Education Sector as announced in Government Programme 2012-2015. The Bill would, amongst others, provide for an appropriate structure to ensure the development, management, regulation and monitoring of tertiary education in Mauritius, establish standards and procedures for the registration of tertiary education institutions, and set up mechanisms for quality assurance in the Sector.

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8. Cabinet has taken note that the Ministry of Tertiary Education, Science, Research and Technology and the Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology, Republic of South Korea would sign a Memorandum of Understanding which would provide, amongst others, for mutual exchange of scientists, research workers, specialists and scholars; internship and post-graduate programmes; and exchange of scientific and technical information.

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9. Cabinet has taken note that the Regional Closing Workshop of the African Monitoring of the Environment for Sustainable Development (AMESD) Project would be held under the aegis of the Mauritius Oceanography Institute in Mauritius on 27 and 28 May 2013. The AMESD Project, which is a partnership between the African Union Commission and the European Union, aims, amongst others, at addressing the need for improved environmental monitoring towards sustainable management of natural resources in 48 Sub-Saharan African countries. The main objectives of the Workshop are to take stock of the achievements of the AMESD Project in the region and enable participating States to present the outcome of projects implemented in their respective countries under the aegis of the Programme. Some 20 participants from Cape Verde, Comoros, Kenya, Madagascar, Mozambique, Sao Tomé, Seychelles and Tanzania are expected to attend the Workshop.

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10. Cabinet has taken note that the International Conference on Sustainable Manufacturing and Operations Management would be held jointly by the University of Mauritius and the Global Institute of Management and Emerging Technologies, India, in Mauritius from 26 to 28 June 2013. The aim of the Conference is to share the latest sustainable manufacturing and operations management experiences, development and best practices amongst local as well as foreign participants.

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11. Cabinet has taken note that the Tourism Authority would organise a series of training programmes for frontline operators in the tourism industry with particular emphasis on customer service. The programme, which is designed to target, in the first instance, some 500 beach hawkers and pleasure craft operators, would enable them to provide a service of high standard and in a professional manner, and equip them with the necessary tools and knowledge pertaining to customer service, as well as with a better understanding of the social and economic contribution of a world-class tourism industry.

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12. Cabinet has taken note of the outcome of the Sixth Conference of African Ministers in charge of Integration (COMAI VI) held in Mauritius on 18 and 19 April 2013. The Conference, which was centered around the theme "*Governance of Integration*", agreed, amongst others, to –

- (i) the promotion of Pan Africanism to enable the pursuit of economic transformation and social development;
- (ii) the setting up of national structures, where appropriate, to discuss issues of integration with various stakeholders, including the private sector, the media, youth associations and the civil society; and
- (iii) the establishment by the African Union Commission of an Interdepartmental Mechanism to coordinate both regional and continental integration.

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13. Cabinet has taken note that the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life, in collaboration with the East, Central and Southern African Health Community, would hold a national stakeholders workshop in Mauritius from 16 to 19 July 2013 on the implementation of the Regional Gender-Based Violence and Child Sexual Abuse Policy and Guidelines on clinical management of child sexual abuse launched at the 54<sup>th</sup> Health Ministers' Meeting held in November 2011.

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14. Cabinet has taken note of the outcome of the recent mission of the Minister of Business, Enterprise and Cooperatives to Brussels where he participated in the 10<sup>th</sup> ACP Ministerial Meeting of National Authorising Officers. The main issues discussed included the 11<sup>th</sup> European Development Fund, the implementation of Millenium Development Goals and Post-2015 Framework, and Intra-ACP Cooperation/South-South Cooperation.

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