

CABINET DECISIONS – 13 MARCH 2015

1. Cabinet has decided not to proceed with the power plant project of the Mauritius CT Power Ltd at Pointe aux Caves taking into consideration the circumstances surrounding the award of contract and the failure of the promoters of the project to submit evidence of their financial capacity or the sources of funding. Government would consider other feasible options, with necessary transparency and clarity, to meet electricity demands for the period 2015-2019 and ensure energy security for Mauritius.

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2. Cabinet has agreed to Mauritius opening a resident diplomatic mission in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in line with Government's commitment. The opening of the mission would help elevate the diplomatic status of Mauritius in Saudi Arabia and the other countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council, i.e., Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, and the United Arab Emirates; consolidate the cultural connection between Mauritius and Saudi Arabia; and enhance bilateral economic relations. Diplomatic relations between Mauritius and Saudi Arabia were established in August 1978.

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3. Cabinet has agreed to the measures to bring a new spirit in the tourism industry and a holistic and customer-centric approach to the realisation of the new policies of Government, viz., -

- (a) instill in the Tourism Sector a renewed sense of place in Mauritius;
- (b) ensure that tourist sites are continuously maintained;
- (c) facilitate adventure activities, such as scuba diving, deep sea fishing, zip-lining, trekking, and parachute-jumping;
- (d) leverage nature and wildlife, including visit to untouched nature parks or participating in nature trails dedicated to secluded destinations; and
- (e) improve tourist amenities and the tourism portfolio.

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4. Cabinet has agreed to the introduction of the Construction Industry Development Board (Amendment) Bill in the National Assembly. The Bill provides for -

- (a) the extension of the transitional period for the registration of consultants and contractors;
- (b) the registration of foreign contractors; and
- (c) the review of the composition of the Construction Industry Development Council.

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5. Cabinet has taken note of precautionary measures taken by the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life to avoid contamination from infectious diseases following the recent heavy rainfall. The public is advised, among others, to use protective clothing, such as gloves and boots, when exposed to contaminated water or soil, drain flood water soon after a heavy rainfall, boil water before consumption, wash hands at regular intervals, and take measures to control rodents. The Ministry of Health and Quality of Life is making arrangements to carry out an intensive larviciding and spraying campaign throughout the country.

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6. Cabinet has taken note of the appointment of -

- (a) Mr Gaëtan Siew as Chairperson of the Construction Industry Development Board. Mr Siew is a qualified internationally known architect, and has been President of the International Union of Architects from 2005 to 2008. He has won several distinctions and awards, including the *Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Mérite, France*.
- (b) Mr Gyandev Gunnoo, Barrister-at-Law as Chairperson of the National Transport Authority. Mr Gunnoo has extensive experience in the Public Sector, and been, among others, the Chairperson of the Industrial Relations Commission.

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