

**LIST OF CONDITIONS FOR PROPOSED OYSTER FARM PROJECT AT NORD EST  
ANNANAS BANK AND THE ASSOCIATED LAND BASED ACTIVITIES AT BAMBOUS  
VIRIEUX BY MASCAREIGNAS OYSTERS (MAURITIUS) LTD [ENV/DOE/EIA/1713]**

**Administrative Conditions**

1. Notwithstanding all the other permits and clearances, the following approval shall be obtained and a copy submitted to the Director of Environment:
  - (i) Concession from the Mentor Minister's Office, Minister of Defence and Rodrigues (Department for Continental Shelf, Maritime Zones Administration & Exploration);
  - (ii) Clearance of the National Parks and Conservation Service and the Invasive alien Species Committee with regards to the import of oyster seeds;
  - (iii) Building and Land Use Permit from the District Council of Grand Port; and
  - (iv) Clearance from the Competent Authority Seafood;
  - (v) Clearance from the Wastewater Management Authority with respect to wastewater disposal.

All the conditions attached therewith shall be scrupulously observed.

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. The Department of Environment shall be informed in writing of the date of commencement of works for monitoring purposes. A detailed programme of work shall be submitted to the Department of Environment, prior to the start of works.
4. In accordance with section 18(2)(l) of the Environment Protection Act 2002, the proponent shall submit to the Director of Environment, with copy to the Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping (Fisheries Division), an Environmental Monitoring Plan for approval prior to start of works. The proponent shall thereafter submit reports on the implementation accordingly. The Environmental Monitoring Plan shall contain the baseline data on the state of the marine environment at the project site including the sea water quality analyses; physical oceanography parameters; Sea bed - description of the type of substrate of the site; marine ecological

(biological) survey of the site and underwater survey to monitor seabed topography and sedimentation level.

5. The promoter shall carry out monitoring of the water quality and the marine ecosystem at the aquaculture site quarterly and biannually respectively after the implementation of the project. The monitoring results including results for seabed topography and sedimentation level shall be submitted on biannual basis to the Director of Environment, with copy to the Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping (Fisheries Division).

### **Conditions for Oyster farm**

6. During the construction of the oyster farm in the lagoon, the work zones and the adjoining sites shall be delineated and screened with geo-textile screen of appropriate mesh size, installed in double layers in the lagoon and regularly maintained in order to protect the adjoining lagoon areas from sediment entrainment.
7. The oyster farming activities and the quarantine facility shall be carried out as per the requirements and recommendations of the Competent Authority-Seafood.
8. The access to oyster farm project site in the sea shall be to the satisfaction of the Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping (Fisheries Division) and the National Coast Guard.
9. The promoter shall not erect any facility that will hinder access to Ile aux Fouquets, Ile de la Passe and Ilot Vacoas.
10. Appropriate measures shall be taken for the safety and security of the public. The oyster farm site shall be demarcated by buoys as an aid to navigation and conforming to the International Authority of Light House Association (IALA). The development shall not interfere with activities of fishers, navigation path and pleasure crafts of the area and shall not obstruct the flow of visitors to the islets.

11. No permanent mooring of boat shall be allowed at the oyster farm. No access or mooring of boats shall be allowed on the Islets National Parks without the approval of the National Parks and Conservation Service.
12. The promoter shall be responsible for the removal of any waste from the oyster farm reaching the islets.
13. The proponent shall make provision of its own security (private) to act as deterrence against illegal activities and theft.
14. The promoter shall comply with directives that may be issued by Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping to safeguard and protect the marine environment before, during and after the implementation of the project.
15. The proponent shall hold consultative meeting with fishers and coastal users of the region concerning the project and the proponent shall resolve any conflict that may arise with the coastal users including fishers of the region prior to, during and after the implementation of the project.
16. A contingency plan for any accidental oil spill from boats servicing the oyster farms shall be prepared as stipulated under section 30(3) of the Environmental Protection Act and shall be submitted to the Director of Environment.
17. Low emission marine engine shall be used during the transportation of oysters and necessary precautions need to be taken to prevent any fuel spill.
18. In case of any negative impact caused to the marine environment, the proponent shall at his own cost, redress the harm caused to the complete satisfaction of Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping.
19. Any authorised officer of Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping and the Department of Environment shall be given free access to the aquaculture site (at sea) or to other related facilities (on land) as and when required for the purpose of survey, sampling or monitoring the project without prior notice.
20. Necessary precaution shall be taken to prevent accumulation of biomaterials during the operation stage. Regular underwater surveys shall be carried out to

maintain the seabed topography and sedimentation level. Increased sedimentation due to high level of organic matter and contaminants may lead to eutrophication, resulting in pollution at sea.

### **Land based Activities**

21. No mangroves shall be cut, taken, removed or damaged before, during and after the implementation of the project.
22. The access to the inland site shall be upgraded to the satisfaction of the Traffic Management and Road Safety Unit.
23. All recyclable wastes shall be sorted out at source and properly collected for eventual recycling. Other solid wastes be properly collected and disposed of to the satisfaction of the Local Authority.
24. No debris or wastewater of any type shall have access to the sea.
25. Any dead oyster and oyster not suitable for consumption shall be kept under refrigerated condition and shall be disposed of as per the recommendations of the Competent Authority Seafood of the Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping.
26. The operation of the land based activity shall conform to the Food Act/Regulations.
27. Electric motors such as air pumps, compressors, generators, and other noise generating equipment be provided with appropriate noise attenuating materials/structures so that noise generated therefrom be within permissible limits as per EPA(Standard for Noise Regulations) and does not constitute a source of nuisance.
28. Necessary measures shall be taken during all the phases of the project so as not to cause any nuisance by way of noise and odour to the public and surrounding environment.

### **General Conditions**

29. In case of any environmental nuisances arising from this development, this Ministry will take necessary action in accordance with the provisions of the Environment Protection Act.
30. Necessary measures shall be taken during all the phases of the project, including site preparation, construction and operation so as not to cause any nuisance to the public and surrounding environment.
31. Any proposed deviation shall be subject to an application to the Director of Environment. No deviation or part there of shall be executed prior to the determination of the application by the Director.

#### ***Note:***

*According to Section 15 (2)(c) of the Environment Protection Act (2008), no proponent shall commence or cause to be commenced any undertaking more than three years after the issue of an EIA licence unless the Minister in circumstances beyond the control of the proponent, otherwise determines in respect of that undertaking.*