

**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL SECURITY, NATIONAL SOLIDARITY & ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT**
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 the proposed construction of the A1-M1 Link Road, linking Chapman Hill along the Port Louis - St. Jean A1 Road at Beau Bassin to Soreze on the Motorway M1 with a bridge across Grand River North West**

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, the following clearances shall be obtained and a copy submitted to the Director of Environment:
 - i. Clearance from the Forestry Service of the Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security;
 - ii. Clearance from the Ministry of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport (Landslide Management Unit);
 - iii. Necessary authorization from the Supreme Court shall be obtained for the construction of any kind across and in a natural watercourse as stipulated in Rivers and Canals Act, part 1, Section 25, for the proposed construction of a bridge across Grand River North West;
 - iv. Clearance shall be sought from the Central Water Authority regarding the bridge construction across Grand River North West and its implications on the Municipal Dyke Dam infrastructure, given that water is abstracted from Grand River North West via the Municipal Dyke and is being used for domestic water supply; and
 - v. Clearance shall be sought from the owner of the syndic of the Plaines Wilhems irrigation canal which crosses the proposed bridge alignment.

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. A detailed programme of works shall be submitted to the Department of Environment for monitoring purposes.
4. In accordance with section 18(2)(l) 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.
5. 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 for monitoring purposes and to ensure compliance with the conditions of the EIA approval as well as the proposals in the EIA report and the additional information.
6. The proponent shall make an application to the Central Water Authority and Water Resources Unit for the construction of a bridge across Grand River North West, enclosing a detailed design hydrological report whereby the carrying capacity of the Grand River North West with a peak flow of 100 years return period shall be respected.
7. The proponent shall liaise with the Operation Division of the Central Water Authority for any realignment of pipelines that may be required. The proponent shall observe strict compliance with section 9.6 of the EIA report regarding mitigating measures proposed for existing utilities within the alignment.
8. The proponent shall take all necessary measures during the construction of the bridge across Grand River North West and its foundation pier to prevent landslides and erosion of river embankment; siltation; any accidental fuel and oil spills and contamination of watercourses as well as vibration which may damage the Municipal Dyke Dam Infrastructure. All necessary mitigating measures and environmental safeguards shall be adopted during the construction phase particularly across Grand River North West.
9. The proponent shall take all necessary measures during the construction of the pillars within the valley of the Grand River North West so as to ensure that construction materials do not get into river.
10. All necessary measures, factors and precautions shall be taken during the construction stage to ensure minimum inconveniences and disturbances to the inhabitants, existing businesses, industries and road users in the area.

11. Provisions shall be made for pedestrian movement. In consultation with the Local Authorities, adequate facilities such as toilet, water and space for viewpoints shall be put at some spots along the road near the bridge for both local people, tourist and joggers.
12. All accesses to commercial activities and businesses as well as private land owners concerned by the project shall be preserved and maintained. The proponent shall ensure that any landlocked sites be provided with alternative accesses. Moreover, proper accesses shall be provided during the construction period.
13. Connectivity of the Industrial Area to classified roads shall be addressed by the proponent in consultation with the Traffic Management and Road Safety Unit
14. Solid wastes including construction debris shall be properly collected and disposed of to the satisfaction of the Local Authorities. Excavated materials shall be reused for landscaping purposes.
15. Information and drawings submitted by the Wastewater Management Authority (WMA) showing locations of underground sewer network shall be considered prior to construction. No construction shall be allowed on sewer lines. Trial pits shall be excavated prior to construction to determine location of existing sewer pipes and possible clash with new construction works. The temporary or permanent diversion of sewer pipes where required shall be submitted for approval to the WMA, prior to the start of construction works. Any rerouting needed must require the approval of WMA. The proponent shall check for sewer connections of each premises adjoining the project alignment and carry out trial pits to identify depth of branch sewer connections. All costs shall be borne by the client/ contractor.
16. The proponent shall inform the Wastewater Management Authority (WMA) immediately should any damage occur to the existing wastewater services and shall repair same at the client/contractor's own cost as per instructions of the WMA Officers. Repairs shall be carried out immediately. The proponent shall take all necessary precautions in order to prevent intrusion of foreign bodies into the sewer system during the works. Sewer manholes shall be levelled to finish road/ground/landscaping level. The proponent shall give access at all times to WMA maintenance team for clearing of blockages whenever required during construction period. The WMA reserves the right to impose any other conditions as may be appropriate under the WMA Act 2000.
17. During the construction phase, all domestic wastewater shall be disposed of as per the recommendation of the Wastewater Management Authority.

18. Machines and plants during construction period shall be maintained in good working condition so as to avoid excessive noise emanation.
19. In consultation with the Municipal Council of Beau Bassin - Rose Hill, provision shall be made for a main drain along the Port-Louis St. Jean A1 Road that would evacuate storm water runoff from Lower Beau Bassin towards Plaines Wilhems Canal.
20. All drains, canals and the river shall be maintained throughout the project. The development shall not impede the flow of storm water within the vicinity of the proposed alignment. Natural drains found within the road alignment shall be restored and upgraded.
21. The Proponent shall make provision for an appropriate means of discharging storm water through mud/ silts traps and hydrocarbon separators to the road drainage networks prior to open discharge in the receiving environment. In order to prevent accumulation of water and flooding along the road alignment, the proponent shall consider high water run-off during high intensity rainfall in designing the proposed drainage network and soak away.
22. After completion of works, a landscaping programme shall be prepared and implemented in consultation with the Forestry Service and the Local Authorities. The road reserves shall be appropriately planted with trees and plants in consultation with the above Authorities.
23. In case of any environmental pollution or nuisances arising from this development, this Ministry may take necessary action in accordance with the provisions of the Environment Protection Act.
24. 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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