

**LIST OF CONDITIONS FOR EIA FOR PROPOSED LAYING OF SUBMARINE FIBRE OPTIC CABLE BETWEEN MAURITIUS AND RODRIGUES (MARS PROJECT)
EXEMPT UNDERTAKING[ENV/DOE/EIA/1794]**

1. Notwithstanding all the other permits and clearances from the relevant authorities, the following clearances/permits from the following authorities shall be obtained and a copy shall be submitted to the Director of Environment:
 1. Authorisation from the Ministry of Housing & Lands where the cable will cross State Land in Mauritius;
 2. Clearance of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly with respect to the proposed sites in Rodrigues;
 3. Clearance from the Ministry of Agro Industry and Food Security;
 4. Clearance from the Ministry of Energy and Public Utilities, including Central Water Authority and Water Resources Unit; and
 5. Clearance from the Ministry of Technology, Communication and Innovation.

All the conditions attached therewith shall be scrupulously observed.

2. The development shall be undertaken as per the mitigating measures stated in the Environment Impact Assessment (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 on site for monitoring purposes. A detailed programme of works and implementation plans shall be submitted to the Department of Environment, Beach Authority and the Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping, prior to the start of works.
4. In accordance with Section 18(2)(l) of the Environment Protection Act 2002 (as amended), the proponent and contractor shall submit to the Director of Environment, an Environmental Monitoring Plan (EMP) for approval prior to start of works on site. No infrastructural works shall start prior to the approval of the EMP. The proponent and contractor shall thereafter submit monitoring reports as per the EMP approval.

5. The Department of Environment, the Beach Authority and the Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping shall be informed in writing of the date of completion of all works on site, with copy of the as-made drawing of the structures and routing of the cable, prior to the start of operation for monitoring purposes and to ensure compliance with the conditions imposed in the approval of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) as well as the proposals in the EIA report and the additional information.
6. The terms and conditions attached to the clearance from the Department of Continental Shelf, Maritime Zones Administration and Exploration; dated 30 August 2018 issued to Mauritius Telecom Ltd and its suppliers for the Mauritius and Rodrigues Submarine Cable project, as stipulated by the Ministry of Defence and Rodrigues, shall be strictly complied with.
7. At the start of the implementation of the project, necessary measures shall be taken to notify the public of all works to be undertaken in accordance with the scheduled programme of works by way of press notice and noticeboard /signboard at the project site.
8. Any conflict that may arise between the the fishers and sea users of the region prior to, during and after the implementation of the project shall be resolved by the proponent and contractor.
9. The public shall have free access to the beach at all times during execution of the works. All necessary measures and precautions shall be taken with respect to safety and security of beach users. The site shall be properly cordoned and fenced to avoid any hazards and tampering.
10. All works in the nearshore lagoon shall be carried out under the supervision of an officer from the Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping and Beach Authority. No beach rock shall be removed during the works.
11. No heavy machinery shall be used in the lagoon.

12. The proponent shall carry out a baseline study for coastal water quality prior to start of work, and submit same to the Department of Environment. The proponent shall thereafter conduct coastal water quality monitoring on a monthly basis during implementation of the project and on a quarterly basis during first 2 years of operation, and accordingly submit same to the Department of Environment.
13. Any marine organisms present within the site of works shall be re-located to other areas not affected by the construction works under the supervision of a Fisheries Officer of the Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping and Beach Authority.
14. Trenching of the seabed between the Low Water Mark and High Water Mark shall be carried out during low tide in order to minimize sediment entrainment.
15. The cable shall not be laid on any live coral colonies in the lagoon at La Prairie and Grand Baie.
16. The site of works shall be properly protected by double-layered geotextile screens to prevent sediment entrainment within the lagoon.
17. No work shall be carried out in case of bad weather conditions.
18. The proponent and contractor shall apply for wayleave to the Road Development Authority for digging on B9 Road for the crossing of cable.
19. The proponent and contractor shall submit proper drawings showing the extent and nature of works (whether along the road network or across the road network) for all trenching works required together with proposed diversion scheme with proper traffic signs, to the Traffic Management and Road Safety Unit for further appraisal.
20. The Traffic Management and Road Safety Unit (TMRSU) reserves the right to request any further details pertaining to traffic and road safety at any time during the implementation of the project. In case of any problems arising during the implementation of the proposed project, the TMRSU may

come up with corrective measures which should be implemented by the proponent and contractor at their own cost.

21. During construction phase, all domestic wastewater shall either be collected and carted away to Roche Bois Pumping station or channelled to a septic tank of 3m³ capacity followed by leaching field of surface area of 20m², should the public toilets not be used by the workers. The septic tank and leaching field shall be accordingly designed and located as per Planning Policy Guidance.
22. No waste of any type, solid or liquid shall be disposed of or have access into the sea.
23. The noise level shall be within permissible limits as per the Standards for Noise promulgated under the Environment Protection Act 2002 (as amended).
24. All machines and plants to be used during the construction period shall be regularly serviced and maintained in good working condition to minimise any risk of air and noise pollution.
25. Necessary measures shall be taken during all the phases of the project, including site preparation and construction so as not to cause nuisances by way of noise, vibration, dust, and air pollution to the public and surrounding environment. The site of works shall be properly protected by fencing/hoardings and double-layered geo-textile screens as applicable, to attenuate dust and noise nuisances during the construction phase.
26. The site shall be cleared upon commissioning of the project. Following laying of the cables, the proponent and contractor shall ensure that same is properly buried and that no holes/ open trenches are left on the public beach and Pas Geometriques.
27. Any damages caused to the beach environment and its amenities shall be reinstated to its original state after completion of works at the own cost of the proponent and contractor to the satisfaction of the Department of Environment, Beach Authority, the Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping and Rodrigues Regional Assembly. The proponent and contractor shall also reinstate the portion of the beach at its

own cost in the event the cables on the beach dynamic zone are exposed due to erosion or extreme events.

28. In case of any environmental pollution or nuisances arising from this development, this Ministry in consultation with other authorities concerned may impose additional conditions, which shall be strictly observed and will take necessary actions in accordance with the provisions of the Environment Protection Act 2002 (as amended).
29. After the implementation works, the cables and manholes at Baie du Jacotet and Grand Baie shall be buried and shall not be fenced.
30. The Department of Environment shall be informed of any change of contactor during the implementation of the project and at the operational phase.
31. 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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