

**EXTENSION AND STRENGTHENING OF THE MCT QUAY & DREDGING WORKS
AT PORT LOUIS HARBOUR**

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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