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SPA's New Chief Executive Officer

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### Meet SPA's New CEO, Mr Sony Payet



Appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer of the Seychelles Ports Authority (SPA) on 01<sup>st</sup> July 2022, 56-year-old Mr Sony Francois Payet is an experienced Engineer with option in Design & Build. He is specialised in construction and has also worked in the maritime field. Upon completion of his post-secondary education, he followed further studies in Switzerland from 1988 to 1991 qualifying him as a Precision Technician. In order to broaden his knowledge and skills in the domain, Mr Payet then opted for more profound and specialised studies where he attended Centre de Formation Professionnelle du Jura Neuchatelois Ecole Technique in Switzerland from 1988 to 1991 and was qualified as a Mechanical Engineer with degree in Design & Build the Construction options.

Mr Payet has a long track record of successful management competencies. His professional career kicked off in 1991 as an Instructor at the School of Engineer at the then Seychelles Polytechnic. He soon moved to the United Concrete Products Seychelles (UCPS) in 1993 where he spent majority of his career – 28 years altogether - occupying several high-profile executive roles. Having served as a Production Manager from 1993 to 1995, Mr Payet was then promoted to become the Managing Director of the company for 13 years before being appointed as the Technical Director from 2008 to 2019. He then decided to venture in the consultancy business in 2020 where he worked as a Project Manager until his appointment as the CEO of SPA.

During his long-served career in construction, Mr Payet accumulated a vast experience in machinery and construction design as well as project management making his company [UCPCS] as one of the primary driving force in a number of major projects across the country. As part of his duties he managed several private and governmental projects undertaken by the UCPS, from Ile Soleil Infrastructure to MLH road projects and others around Mahe, Praslin and La Digue Island. His extensive knowledge and wide range of experiences in management positions has allowed him to build on skills such as being a strong decision maker, having the ability to solve complex problem, having excellent analytical skills in managing people and organisation, amongst others.

Mr Payet is a proven leader who understands the challenges inherent in large-scale management. His appointment comes with a three-year mandate where he aims to strategically drive SPA towards achieving its goals and objectives.

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