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Event: Scoping Meeting for Class II EIA for the Desilting Component held on Thursday 05th June 2023

PRESS RELEASE

SPA Chairs Scoping Meeting for Class II EIA

The Seychelles Ports Authority (SPA) chaired a scoping meeting with relevant stakeholders on Monday 05th June 2023 in the boardroom of the Seychelles Civil Aviation Authority (SCAA) as part of the Class II Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) being undertaken for desilting component of the Port Victoria Rehabilitation and Extension Project (PVREP).

Works to be done include removal of silt that has accumulated over decades in the harbor basin and disposing of the spoil material in the crater at Ile du Sud-Est. Given that this island is under the jurisdiction of the SCAA, it was imperative that this Authority had their say in this project.

Present at the meeting, which was headed by Mr Nimham Seneratne from Eco-Sol, the appointed environment consultant undertaking the EIA, were representatives from the Department of Environment, Department of Climate Change, Seychelles Planning Authority, Seychelles Parks and Gardens Authority, Seychelles Maritime and Safety Authority, the District Administrator of Pointe Larue as well as the Project Team from the SPA and SCAA.

During the meeting, the methodology for the disposal of the material was presented and concerns raised were also discussed and addressed. It was also an opportune time for the members present to put forward their concerns and seek clarifications.

The meeting was concluded with a visit at the crater where further discussions were made on site.