The Executive Council met this Friday 26th April 2013 under the chairmanship of the Chief Commissioner, Mr. Louis Serge CLAI R, G.C.S.K.

1. The Executive Council has agreed for the issue of works order under the “Maintenance, Upgrading, Resurfacing and Construction of Roads in Rodrigues” for patching works, cleaning of drains and road marking around Rodrigues.

   Road markings will be carried out on the following roads:-

   a. from Grand La Fouche Corail to Baie Lascars; and
   b. from Mont Lubin to Grande Montagne; and

2. The Executive Council has agreed to the release of funds in favour of Rod Clean Ltd. to meet its operating costs for the months of April and May 2013.

3. The Executive Council has agreed to the participation of the Rodrigues Tourism Office in the forthcoming Indaba Tourism Fair 2013 in Durban, South Africa from 11 to 14 May 2013 with a view to:-

   (i) Broaden product knowledge of tour operators and travel agencies featuring Rodrigues;
   (ii) Establish contact with new tour operators to encourage them to feature Rodrigues in their packages;
   (iii) Increase the visibility of Rodrigues as a Tourism destination;
   (iv) Establish new journalists contacts for future press tips; and
   (v) Promote the destination in different ways to render it more attractive for potential customers.

4. The Executive Council has taken note of the reviewed criteria to be observed and procedures to be followed in view of the implementation of the Elderly Housing Scheme in Rodrigues.
5. The Executive Council has taken note that the Mauritius Institute of Education (MIE) will conduct an induction course in Rodrigues for the 30 newly recruited secondary school educators. The course is being held on Friday 26 April 2013 at the Human Resource Centre, Malabar.

The Executive Council has further noted that the MIE is launching the Diploma in Education Management Course on Saturday 27 April 2013 for Primary School Teachers.

6. The Executive Council has taken note that 70 secondary school educators have successfully completed the Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) Course out of which 18 educators succeeded with distinction.

7. The Executive Council has taken note of the number of tourist arrival in Rodrigues for the month of March 2013. Tourists arrival has increased by 1.93 % as compared to the same period last year with an increase from the main markets as hereunder:-

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    Reunion : 4.08%
    France : 18.6%
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8. The Executive Council has taken note that Hon. R. JEETAH, Minister of Tertiary Education, Science, Research and Technology will be on official mission to Rodrigues from 03 to 05 May 2013. The mission is effected in the context of the “Creative Science Week-End” which will be organized by the Rajiv Gandhi Science Centre on 04 and 05 May 2013 at the Cultural and Leisure Centre, Mont Plaisir with a view to encourage creativity and innovation particularly among young people.

9. The Executive Council has taken note of the good performance of Rodriguan athletes in the recent Jeux de l'Espoir held in Mauritius from 17 to 18 April 2013. Our athletes won 30 gold, 17 silver and 18 bronze medals.

10. The Executive Council has taken note that Dr. Lukas Villiger, Endocrinologist of Switzerland and a team will be visiting Rodrigues from 11 to 22 May 2013. They will dispense seminars on the management of diabetes and will train our local shoe makers on the making of proper shoes for diabetic patients.

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Date: 7 May 2013