

**News Release**

**SINGAPORE COOPERATION ENTERPRISE SHARES  
SINGAPORE'S WATER EXPERTISE WITH THE REPUBLIC OF  
MAURITIUS**

**Singapore, Tuesday, 5 July 2011**

Singapore Cooperation Enterprise (SCE) signed a contract with the Mauritius Government today to share Singapore's experience in water sector reform. The contract was sealed at the annual Singapore International Water Week Convention (SIWW). It was signed by Mrs. Nirmala Nababsing, Permanent Secretary of Mauritius Ministry of Energy and Public Utilities and Mr. Alphonsus Chia, Chief Executive Officer of Singapore Cooperation Enterprise. The signing was witnessed by The Honorable Dr. A.R. BeebeeJaun, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Mauritius and Dr, Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister of the Environment and Water Resources.

SCE has been actively engaging the Mauritius Government since 2008 to discuss areas of collaboration between both governments. We have already embarked on a few projects with Mauritius, one of which is advisory on their National Identification System.

This water project follows the visit to Singapore in September 2010 of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Mauritius, Honourable Navinchandra Ramgoolam, who expressed interest for Singapore's assistance to help improve the water management in Mauritius.

The key objectives that the contract include:

- i) To achieve a 24/7 potable water system for all users in Mauritius;
- ii) To reduce non-revenue water to a minimum;
- iii) To improve Total Water Management system; and
- iv) To have a plan in place to meet the increasing and changing needs of Mauritius

SCE has put together a team of Singapore's water experts from the Public Utilities Board (PUB) as well as private sector water company CH2MHill. The experts will work closely with the Government of Mauritius to provide programme management and advisory in managing and implementing the strategies through different phases. These include the Development of Strategic Water Sector Plan, Development of Institutional Structure, Development of Operations and Maintenance Strategic Framework and Capacity Building.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, Mr. Alphonsus Chia said: "SCE is pleased to partner with the Republic of Mauritius. We have been working closely with Mauritius and this water project is under the ambit of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed in 2008 between SCE and the Government of Mauritius. We hope that through this partnership, the Singapore team is able to contribute in providing a holistic and integrated approach to achieve a sustainable water management network in Mauritius. This project also provides an endorsement in strengthening long-term strategic partnership between SCE and the Mauritius Government."

The Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities of Mauritius, Dr Rashid Beebeejaun expressed his appreciation for the collaboration established between Mauritius and Singapore to undertake a water sector reform. He pointed out that Mauritius will benefit greatly from the successful experience of Singapore in developing an integrated water management.

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