

News Release

SINGAPORE COOPERATION ENTERPRISE SIGNS CONTRACT WITH THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS TO PROVIDE ADVISORY SERVICES ON SETTING UP A LIGHT RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM

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Singapore Cooperation Enterprise (SCE) announced today that they have signed a Contract with the Republic of Mauritius' Ministry of Public Infrastructure last Friday (7 September 2012), to share Singapore's experience in providing technical advisory services on setting up a Light Rapid Transit (LRT) system. The signing took place in Mauritius.

The Government of Mauritius is committed to build a rail guided Light Rapid Transit system to serve the established city areas running between the capital of Port Louis and Curepipe. There is an urgent need to establish new transit corridors through these city areas in order to relieve the main road arteries; and to review its existing bus network in order to achieve an efficient multi-modal public transport network that can serve Mauritius over the long term.

After the official visit to Singapore by the Prime Minister of Mauritius in September 2010, SCE was approached by the Mauritius Government to assist in sharing the Singapore's experience in the implementation of LRT system.

Under the contract, SCE will be the lead agency to aggregate Singapore's expertise from both the public and private sectors to deliver the programme. SCE will work with SMRT International Pte Ltd (SMRT) and Aurecon Singapore (Pte.) Ltd for the project.

The team of Singapore consultants will set up the Project Management Action Plan for the Mauritius Government to support the delivery of a business case, planning and engineering services for the advancement of the Mauritius LRT project.

The proposed services include:

- a) Determination of a feasible alignment for the whole Light Rail Transit corridor running between Curepipe and Port Louis;
- b) Study and recommendation of a phased implementation plan for the LRT along selected corridor up to Port Louis;
- c) Financial and economic analysis covering the whole alignment corridor between Curepipe and Port Louis;
- d) Development of Concept and Preliminary Design sufficient to attract market interest in the project from suitably qualified entities and to invite priced tenders from those entities; and
- e) High level consideration of potential future Northbound and Southbound extensions to the Curepipe to Port Louis corridor to provide input to land planning and land acquisition issues.

The Project Management Action Plan will be completed within thirteen months and will also take into consideration on other potential future network extensions in Mauritius.

The contract was signed by Mr. Ballah Nayen Koomar, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Public Infrastructure, National Development Unit, Land Transport Division and Mr. Alvin Lim, Director for Middle East, North Africa, Central Asia and Latin America, SCE.

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