

OUTER ISLANDS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Achievements for Year 2011

Management is pleased to report to the Board on major achievements of the Corporation for year 2011 and also submit the main activities that would be carried out next year.

Achievements during year 2011.

1.1 Airstrip



Government has given the greenlight to go ahead with the upgrading of the Airstrip at Agalega.

The works to be executed under the contract comprise, amongst others, of

the following:-

- Grading, re- profiling and strengthening of the existing runway
- Overlay of the runway using 50mm thick asphaltic concrete
- Construction of the new taxiway and apron in 50mm thick asphaltic concrete
- Provision of aircraft engine blast erosion protection areas, immediately before the thresholds
- Provision of runway end safety areas (RESAS) minimum size 90m long x 60m wide, beyond the end of the runway strip

- Provision of aviation fuel storage
- Provision of basic fire fighting facilities
- Ancillary works

Tenders have already been launched. Two potential tenderers visited Agalega on Sunday 11th November 2011. The latter have requested that the closing date for the receipt of tenders be extended to January 2012. Management is liaising with the Central Procurement Board for fixing the date for receipt of tenders.

It is to be noted that GIBB (Mtius) Ltd is the Consultant for the project.

The project value is Rs 120m and works are expected to start in April and completed by September 2012.

1.2 Airport Crash and Rescue Fire Vehicle



Tenders have been launched for the purchase of an Airport Crash and Rescue Fire Vehicle meeting the level of protection for airport category 5 as detailed in the

Civil Aviation Organisation (ICDO) standards documents.

The closing date for receipt of tenders is Monday 19th December 2011.

The contribution of the Department of Civil Aviation and Airport of Mauritius Ltd in the preparation of tender document is fully acknowledged.

Project value is Rs 17m.

1.3 Refugee Centre



The Refugee Centre is fully operational since February 2011. The building is of an area of 4000 sq feet and is 15 feet above sea level.

This building is unique in

the region. The building is being used as a Community Centre for the inhabitants.

The total amount of funds invested in the project was Rs 8m.

1.4 Quarters for Employees



In November 2011, the corporation awarded a contract to Mr. Sunil Bantoo for the construction of three quarters at Agalega for a total amount of Rs 2,485,335 (Labour Component only).

Two such buildings would be constructed on North Islands and one building on South Islands. The area of each building is 1200 sq feet. Such building would be made available to our employees.

Works which started on 28th November 2011 are expected to be completed by 15 February 2012.

Furthermore, two buildings on South Islands are being renovated and would be used as quarters for employees at Agalega.

1.5 Barges



The Corporation acquired two new barges to be used in the embarkation/disembarkation exercises at Agalega for a total amount of

Rs 2,403,500 from GRNW Boat Yard Ltd.

These barges were sent to Agalega in November 2011.

1.6 Vehicles



The Corporation purchased a double cab van for use at the Head Office for an amount of Rs 684,250.-

Tenders have been launched for the purchase of two double cab van for the use at Agalega.



The closing date for the receipt of tenders is Monday 19th December 2011.

1.7 Food Security



With the financial and technical assistance from AREU, the Corporation has embarked on a Food Security Programme at Agalega.

Vegetables such as Cabbage, Carrots.....etc...are being supplied to the inhabitants at very reasonable prices.



Cabbage



Carrots

As from March 2012, the Corporation would start cultivation of Onion on an area of five (5) acres of land. All surplus would be exported to Mauritius and sold under the label of Agalega Produce.



It also important to note that the Corporation is encouraging the inhabitants to embark on the Poultry and Duck Project.



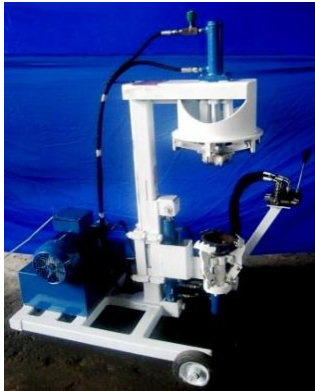
This project is being successfully implemented on the Islands.

Furthermore, Food & Allied Industries Ltd has

donated free of charge broiler chicks for the benefit of the inhabitants of Agalega.

1.8 Coconut Machineries

Quotations have been sought from Malaysian Companies for the purchase of the following:-



Two (2) Coconut Dehusking Machines

Two (2) Coconut Deshelling Machines

Coconut Dehusking Machines

At present such activities are being performed manually which is time consuming and less and less workers are keen in such activities.

These equipments would definitely have a positive impact on production of Cocobarbes & Coconut Oil at Agalega.



Coconut Deshelling Machines

1.9 Computerisation



Further to a request made by Management to ICTA (Information Communication Technologies Authority) for computerisation of its activities both at Head Office and Agalega so as to facilitate and improve data transfer of information, the latter has

approved the funding of part of the project to the tune of Rs 200m. The project would be implemented in two (2) phases, starting with the Head Office.

In this context, the Central Informatics Bureau (CIB) was contacted, and the latter has recommended that the Corporation took a holistic approach to the project to leverage on the benefits of computerisation. Furthermore, the (CIB) has suggested that it is advisable to recruit a Consultant to oversee the implementation of the project, including the preparation of specifications for hardware and software.

In view of the above, the Corporation has made a request to the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology to provide us with a consultant to assist us in the implementation of the project.

1.10 Packing Unit



Management is pleased to report that further to a request made the Ministry of Public Infrastructure, National Development Unit, Land Transport & Shipping have approved the allocation

of the ex - DWC premises to an extent of 238m² at Guibies, Pailles to the Corporation to be used as Packing Unit/Store.

The Corporation could not make use earlier of this building as it is being used as a store by the National Assembly where major renovation works are being effected.

The building would be made available to the Corporation as from next year.



This building would be used by the Corporation for packing and crating all goods to be sent to Agalega and a store for return produce.

This unit would definitely have a positive impact on the financial aspect of the Corporation.

1.11 Recreational Park



The Employees Welfare Fund (EWF) has agreed to the proposal of the Corporation to fund a Recreational Park Project over an area of about 10 acres at Agalega whereby

OIDC would have to implement same. The Project value is Rs 2.0m.

In November 2011 a technical team from the Ministry of Housing and Lands proceeded to Agalega to carry out necessary survey works.



1.12 Rehabilitation of Coconut Plantation

During the year under review 463 acres of land have been cleaned and 627 new coconut trees planted.

Coconut oil production is 22,000 litres.



Coco seedlings sent to Mauritius for sale is 8,500 units.

It is to be noted that 10,000 coco seedlings have been prepared for shipment on MV 'Mauritius

Pride' but was not embarked due to unforeseen circumstances.



1.12 Voyages to Agalega by Sea

During the current year four (4) voyages by sea were effected to Agalega for the shipment of goods, stores, materials etc..



MV Mauritius Pride

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| February 2011 | - MV Mauritius Pride |
| May 2011 | - Sealord Fishing |
| August 2011 | - Sealord Fishing |
| November 2011 | - MV Mauritius Pride |

Passenger's movement to/from Agalega were only on MV 'Mauritius Pride'.

1.13 Voyages to Agalega by Air

During the said period the 'Dornier' Aircraft of the National Coast Guard effected 14 flights to Agalega o.b.o the Corporation.



'Dornier' Aircraft

In October 2011 the Prime Minister's Office informed us that out of the two 'Dornier' Aircrafts only one is available in Mauritius for undertaking any relief

mission and the second one is unlikely to be available soon. We have therefore been requested to seek the services of a Seychelles based aircraft company to effect any sortie to Agalega.

Hence on 4 occasions the Corporation chartered an Island Development Company Plane to Agalega.

1.14 NCG Quarters Cum Office

The Corporation using its own labour force constructed a building of 2200 sq.ft. to house National Coast Guard personnel and also to use as Office.

The building is already operational.

2. **Main activities that would be carried out during year 2012 :-**

Government has made available funds for development at Agalega as follows :-

| | Rs (m) | Rs (m) |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------|
| (i) Rehabilitation of Airstrip - | | 120 |
| (ii) Fire Fighting Facilities - | | 7 |
| (iii) Other Projects for Agalega | | |
| - Construction of Houses - | 2.9 | |
| - Refugee Centre South Island | 5.0 | |
| - Solar System | 1.5 | |
| - Equipment for Coconut Industry | <u>0.6</u> | <u>10</u> |
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Note : (i) *Fire fighting : Rs 10m provided for year 2011*
(ii) *The Refugee Centre would be completed in year 2013 , and a provision of Rs 6.0m has been provided for that year.*

3. During the current year 12 Board/Special Board Meetings were held. The Finance Committee members met on 11 occasions whereas the Staff Committee had two (2) meetings.

4. Management would like to seize this occasion to convey its most sincere thanks to the following for all assistance tendered during the year :-

- The Hon. Minister L.H. Aimee, Minister of Local Government & Outer Islands
- The Permanent Secretary & Staff, Ministry of Local Government & Outer Islands
- The Chairman & Board Members
- The Staff of OIDC
- Officers of Ministries/Departments who have in one way or another assisted the Corporation.

19th December 2011