



Development Project Rejection

سَرَسُرُهُ ثَمْ: Number: 203-ECA/PRIV/2020/239

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This Environmental Decision Statement is issued for the purpose of communicating the decision regarding the Environmental Impact Assessment for the EIA for the Proposed Resort Development Project at Hulhimendhoo, Gaaf Alif Atoll, which was submitted for evaluation on 17th September 2019 and submitted additional information on 08th March 2020 by Mr. Mohamed Ali Janah. The EIA consultant of this project is Dr. Ahmed Shaig (EIAP02/2015).

1. This Environmental Decision Statement has been issued by Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2012 (2012/R-27) to advise that the Agency has decided to reject the proposed development proposal. Reasons for rejection have been given in Annex 1.

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2. The proponent may lodge an appeal if aggrieved about this Environmental Decision Statement. The appeal must be made within 10 (ten) working days of the date this decision is communicated.

3.An appeal must be made in writing to the Minister and must contain clear reasons why the decision is not acceptable to the proponent.

4.In the event the Minister considers a further review of the Environmental Impact Assessment reports, the proponent shall pay a non-refundable appeal fee of Mvr.2500 (Two Thousand and Five Hundred). The decision by the Minister following this second consideration of the report shall be final.

5. The proponent has the discretion to withdraw an appeal in writing prior to the Minister making a decision on the appeal.

Date of Issue: 17th March 2020

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Annex 1: Reasons for Project Rejection

The proponent has agreed that the project is socially, environmentally and economically not feasible (page 19 to 21 of the additional information submitted). A number of issues are highlighted by the proponent. Of this the most prominent are:

- The threat of disagreement between Maamendhoo and the resort exists and the property could be exposed to unresolved issues such as those between Kandooma and Guraidhoo, Kuda Huraa and Bodu Huraa, Meerufenfushi and Dhiffushi.
- The possibility of beach erosion in Maamendhoo due to replenishment activities undertaken in Hulhimendhoo. Hulhimendhoo requires extensive replenishment due to lack of beach in the island.
- Social conflict that is likely to arise with local bait fishers and snorkelers that use Hulhimendhoo.
- Privacy issues that arise due to close proximity of Maamendhoo and Hulhimendhoo.

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