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Port Victoria Management Information System (PVMIS)

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PVMIS goes completely live with specific components

The Port Victoria Management Information System (PVMIS) comes to live completely today, Thursday 01st August 2024, for a selected group of users with specific processes. With this new development, these users will now be using the system solely to upload all their documents - a procedure which was being done manually, meaning through meetings, emails and phone calls.

PVMIS was officially launched on 06th October 2023, coinciding with the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of Mahe Quay, and since, the system has been operating live. Even so, all users were still using the conventional procedures simultaneously with the system. This was done as part of the process to train them to independently use PVMIS so that the manual system could eventually phase out completely.

However, since only a group of users are now ready to use the system in its entirety, without having to depend on the manual process, emphasis is being placed on training other users so that they are also on-board in this process. In the meantime, other processes are being worked on to integrate in the system so that by the end of this year, all actors involved are well au-fait in using PVMIS as the manual process will become obsolete.

Since its official launch last year, SPA's team has invested tremendously in the training aspect in respect to the use of the system. Additional support was given to individuals who needed special training so as to catch up with this modern technology. Furthermore, a series of change management sessions was conducted so they could see the importance of this imperative transition and prepare themselves with its adaptation.

In order to ensure the complete running of the system and that everyone is on-board with this pivotal step to modernisation, SPA is working on the PVMIS legislation that will oblige all actors to sign up with the system as it will eventually be the only platform to upload and receive information on the arrival and departure of vessels coming in and out of Port Victoria.

To note, PVMIS is part of the requirements of the International Maritime Organisations (IMO) under its International Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic (the FAL Convention), to implement a single maritime window, thus minimise the manual processes attached to the procedures being carried out when vessels enter and leave the port. This system will ensure maximum efficiency by

making this work quicker with a higher level of accuracy in terms of exchange of information. Moreover, PVMIS will allow all actors to access information via one platform only without having to consult other bodies.

Once all legal instruments are formalised, the use of PVMIS will be mandatory. Therefore, it is imperative that all parties play its specific role accordingly in order to see the full benefits of the system.

In the meantime, SPA is committed to getting all possible users on-board, to train and get them to use the system which has proved to be very efficient.