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Event: Site Visit and Pre-Proposal Conference for the Design & Build Contract for the Dredging Component held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022

## PRESS RELEASE

## Bidders for the Dredging Design & Build contract participate in site visit and pre-proposal conference

On Wednesday 27th April 2022 SPA held a site visit and pre-proposal conference for bidders of the Design & Build contract for the dredging component of the Port Victoria Rehabilitation and Extension Project (PVREP) to give them an insight into the functioning of Port Victoria and of the extent of works to be undertaken under the contract. The events were led by PVREP Project Manager, Ms Philippa Samson, supported by Mr Marc d'Offay and Mr Charles Pool, in their capacity as consulting engineers for the dredging component.

Through a boat and on-land tour organised by the Seychelles Ports Authority (SPA), bidders were shown the six proposed areas demarcated for dredging in the turning basin and approach channel, the proposed area for reclamation in Queenie Bay and the proposed stockpile area at the Ex-Coast Guard. The approach channel will be dredged to a final depth of -16m below Admiralty Chart Datum (ACD) and the turning basin and berths will be dredged to -15.5m ACD to accommodate vessels with drafts up to 14m.

During the pre-proposal conference, which kicked off after the boat tour, bidders had the opportunity to clarify their concerns about the works to be done under the proposed contract, as well as the procurement process.

The Design & Build contract for the dredging component of PVREP is expected to be awarded in July 2022 and the design phase to commence in the same month. In this phase, the appointed contractor will undertake the necessary hydrographic and geotechnical surveys to prepare the detailed design of the dredging and reclamation works. The contractor will be working in close collaboration with the consultant appointed to undertake the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment to ensure that the design and its implementation plan meet all national and Lender environmental and social standards.