Cadastre Board Finalized

The appointment of the following new Supervisory Board members: Mr. Louis Crastell Gumbs, chairman; Mrs. Victoria Dubourcq, member; Ms. Nzinga Lake, member; and Mr. Charlesworth Sydney, member.

All above mentioned members will be officially appointed once the pertaining National Decree is approved and published. Mr. Vincent Boetius, the fifth (5th) member of the Supervisory Board, will be replaced as per the end of his term as member of the Supervisory Board of Cadastre and Mortgages St. Maarten.

Considering the fact that the Supervisory Board consisted of just two members for a significant period, with the appointment of the new members of the Supervisory Board, this governing body of the foundation is now able to improve on the execution of its tasks as established in the articles of incorporation.

At current the operations at the Cadastre and Mortgages St. Maarten is managed by an interim Management team, whom with the support of the employees have kept the organization functioning and have continued with rendering services to the public of St. Maarten as optimally as possible. The Honorable Minister of VROMI Angel Meyers in expressing his compliments and gratitude to Ms. Marcia Peterson (Interim Director) and her staff for their dedicated work at the same time acknowledges the fact that managing, for such an important organization, on an Interim basis is an undesirable situation. ‘It is one of the highest priorities to be addressed by the new Supervisory Board’, the Minister stated.

In general terms the Supervisory Board of Cadastre and Mortgages St. Maarten is tasked with the supervision on the functioning of the Management team, whereas execution of related policies and other organizational responsibilities are to be adhered to by the Management team. These responsibilities consist amongst others of topology activities, mortgage registration, assisting the public and government with the plotting of lots, producing certificate of admeasurements, title search, abstracts, sale of properties, keeping records of bank mortgages, attachments and registering of notary deeds, etc.

With the appointment of the new members of the Supervisory Board of Cadastre and Mortgages St. Maarten Foundation, the Minister of VROMI is aiming at an overall improvement of the performance and innovation of the Foundation leading to increased transparency towards Government, public and other Stakeholders. Furthermore to continue the good working relationship and cooperation amongst the Cadastre/Registry, VROMI and the Notaries, in doing this improve on the services rendered to the citizens and businesses on Sint Maarten’.
Recently, through the efforts of the Honorable Minister A. Meyers and MP Maurice Lake, a public/private agreement was reached between the Sint Maarten Government and the developers of Prima Vista Estate and Valley Estate with the intention to upgrade the condition of the Mildrum Road (also known as the Waymouth Hill Road). The upgrading of the Mildrum road is phase one to the Link 6 project.

The link 6 project consists of two sections, Bethlehem and Mildrum. The Mildrum section starts at the LB Scott Road and ends at the Hilltop connecting to Link 6, the Bethlehem road. The majority of the infrastructure works for this section consists of repairs and renovations of the Mildrum road to accommodate future use.

The Mildrum road is in a deplorable condition; large sections have been severely damaged by erosion by rain water runoff, to such an extent that in some places underground cables have been exposed, deep gullies traverse the road and existing pavement is severely cracked up.

The developers of Valley Estate and Prima Vista Estate reached an agreement with Government to join forces and together tackle the problem, awaiting the final construction of the Link 6 connector Road, for which the design process has been started several weeks ago.

The project will consist of installation of a fiber-reinforced concrete road in certain areas, while in other areas the pavement sections which are severely damaged will be replaced with fiber-reinforced concrete.

The upgrading of the Mildrum road is a temporary solution but will serve as the base foundation once the final design and technical requirements for the entire link 6 project is approved.

These works will vastly improve the living conditions for the residents of the area and emergency services summoned to that area, and will make it possible again to use the road under all weather conditions.

Assigned contractor for the works will be Clean Sint Maarten NV, with work scheduled to start before the end of 2016, while the costs of construction will be shared by Valley Estate, Prima Vista Estate and Sint Maarten Government.

Minister of VROMI, Angel Meyers has commenced a pilot project where recycling bins are placed in various government establishments with the goal of promoting recycling and also encouraging the general public to start thinking on and practicing recycling.

Recycling bins and a promotional banner will be placed in the new Government Building, the Receivers office, the Civil Registry, Facility services, Labor Department, and the Ministry of VROMI. Bins will also be placed at the Sister Magda primary school and the University of St. Martin.

The bins will be accessible to the general public. The bins will be separated in glass, plastic bottles/cans and paper. Head of Facility Services Mr. Rignald “Rick” Martina will oversee the pilot project and Mr. Roberto Arrindell, Representative of Confident construction BV St. Maarten is in charge of the pickup of the recyclables. The pilot project will be for a duration of 3 months and then will later be evaluated in order to proceed effectively.

The recycling pilot project is scheduled to begin the end of November.

Sint Maarten Government

Ministry of VROMI
APS is spearheading the project that entails the construction of 61 townhouses and apartments, which will be on sale. The pension fund is working towards offering the majority of the units below the maximum sales price of US $250,000 considering that the units are being offered under the umbrella of affordable housing. The units will range from one to three bedrooms, measuring about 70 to 100 square meters per unit. According to the Chairman of APS board Franklyn Richards, the Welgelegen housing project and other investments is its response to the urgent and ongoing need of seriously addressing reforms with which to make Sint Maarten’s pension system more sustainable and affordable.

They embraced the opportunity to contribute towards providing opportunities in working with the government of Sint Maarten for in particular young professionals aged 25 and older. These projects are part of APS investment policies which are aimed at securing pension payments now and in the future.

To give everyone an equal opportunity the pension fund insists that a transparent process be followed. This will be based on a clear selection criterion for those wishing to be considered for one of the new units. To obtain a clearer picture of the housing requirements and wishes and related aspects, APS has constructed a housing survey. The survey is aimed at getting an insight into what persons would want to see in their future housing accommodations. Persons interested in in being part of the survey can contact APS by visiting their offices at the Yogesh Commercial Complex in Cul de Sac or email the pension fund at info@apsxm.org or call the office at tel. 543-0003 during regular office hours on weekdays.

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On behalf of Honorable Minister Angel Meyers and the Ministry VROMI, we extend our deepest sympathy on the passing of former CEO of NV GEBE, Mr. William Brooks. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

The Minister of VROMI wishes the public of Sint Maarten a safe Hurricane Season 2016!

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