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DEAR ALL,

THERE SEEMS TO BE CONFUSION OVER THE AUTHORITY AND COMMITMENTS GIVEN AS TO THE PROGRESS OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN.

FOR CLARITY I SET OUT THE POSITION TO DATE .

1 .THE IIP COMMITTEE HAS BEING WORKING WITH CONTOUR TO MASSAGE EACH PROJECT TO FIT THE BUDGET FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE PLAN TO BASE THE BUSINESS CASE. IT IS CORRECT THAT THERE IS NO FORMAL APPOINTMENT MADE TO CARRY ON THIS WORK.

THE WORK AT MACKAY HAS COMMENCED WITHOUT A FORMAL CONTRACT IS FACT AND THE SITUATION NEEDS TO BE EXPLAINED AS THERE ARE MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES .

2 A DECISION WAS MADE BY THE BOARD SOME MONTHS AGO THAT THE BOARD WOULD STEP ASIDE FROM TAKING ON EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS .THIS WAS AT THE TIME OF THE RACE FIELDS LEGISLATION AND SUBSEQUENTLY THE EXECUTION OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN WAS TO BE AN EXECUTIVE FUNCTION ,WITH ANY POLITICAL REQUIREMENTS TO BE NEGOTIATED BY THE CHAIRMAN.

3 FINAL DECISIONS WOULD BE MADE BY THE BOARD

4 ON THE 17/10 A MEETING WAS HELD WITH THE LORD MAYOR AND MARK, SNOWDON BRETT THOMPSON [CONTOUR] ANDREW [TOWN PLANNER] MALCOLM RQL AND THE CHAIRMAN.OVER THE DEAGON DEVELOPMENT.PRIOR TO THE MEETING THERE WAS TALK OF ALTERING THE APPLICATION AND LEAVING OUT THE CLUB FACILITIES TO MAKE THE APPLICATION SELF ACCESSIBLE.THE SUGGESTION DID NOT MEET WITH ANY SUPPORT FROM MALCOLM

ON THE 19TH OCTOBER BRETT THOMPSON PUT FORWARD THE SUGGESTION AGAIN OF MAKING THE DEAGON APPLICATION SELF ACCESSIBLE.THE CONVERSATION CENTERED ON THE CURRENT APPLICATION WOULD BE CONTESTED AND DRAG ON AND CURRENTLY CONTOUR WAS AT A STAND STILL. WORK WISE. THE CHAIRMAN ADVISED CONTOUR THAT IF THIS WAS TO BE PUT TO THE BOARD IT WOULD NEED TO BE PROPERLY RESEARCHED .I EMPHASISE THAT THIS WAS NOT AN APPROVAL OR VERBAL AGREEMENT TO PROCEED.

5 ON THE 18TH OCTOBER FOLLOWING DISCUSSION WITH MALCOLM AND MARK A DECISION WAS MADE TO HALT ANY FURTHER EXPENDITURE ON DEAGON.AS THE ADVICE FROM MARK SNOWDON WAS THAT TREASURY WOULD NOT RELEASE ANY FUNDS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF BUSINESS CASES UNTIL THE BUSINESS CASE WAS APPROVED.THIS DECISION WAS ALSO CONVEYED TO CONTOUR BY MARK.THE PROGRESSION OF THE BUSINESS CASES PRIOR TO THIS DECISION OF TREASURY WAS THE \$10M FROM LOGAN WAS AVAILABLE AT THE DISCRESSION OF RQL PROVIDED IT WAS USED FOR THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN.

6 CONCERN WAS EXPRESSED BY MALCOLM, PAUL AND FINANCE THAT RQL WAS FUNDING THE PREPARATION OF THE BUSINESS PLANS FROM RQL RESERVES AND WAS APPROACHING A STAGE WHERE BY THIS COULD HAVE A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON RQL CASH FLOW.IF REIMBURSEMENT WAS NOT FORTHCOMING.URGENTLY

7 MALCOLM ALSO RAISED THE ISSUE THAT THERE WAS NO FORMAL CONTRACT WITH CONTOUR FOR THE WORK ALREADY UNDERTAKEN AND THIS NEEDED TO BE ADDRESSED.

8 THE DECISION WAS TO APPROACH THE GOVERNMENT AND SET OUT THE IMPOST OF PRODUCING CREDIBLE BUSINESS CASES AND NOT BEING AFFORDED THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACCESS SEED FUNDING FROM THE \$110M.

9 THE DECISION WAS TAKEN TO APPROACH THE GOVERNMENT FOR:

ACCESS TO \$3.6M FOR BUSINESS CASE FUNDING

TO PROGRESS THE PLAN IN TWO STAGES

STAGE 1 COMPLETION OF BUSINESS PLANS AND MACKAY

STAGE 2 SEPARATE CONTRACTS FOR EACH PLAN AND ENSURE THAT THE SCOPE OF WORKS AND THE AWARDED OF CONTRACTS WAS COMPLIANT WITH GOV REQUIREMENTS AND RQL POLICIES

10 THE ABOVE APPROACH HAS BEEN MADE TO THE TREASURER ,HOPEFULLY WITH POSITIVE OUTCOMES.

11 MARK SNOWDEN WAS GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPLETE THE BUSINESS PLANS URGENTLY AND THIS IS NEARING COMPLETION.

12 MACKAY INFRASTRUCTURE BUSINESS PLAN HAS BEEN APPROVED BY GOVERNMENT AND THE RQL BOARD AND CONSTRUCTION COMMENCED.WITH GOVERNMENT FUNDS BEING DEPOSITED IN RQL ACCOUNT.

13 TO DATE THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN AND BUSINESS PLANS HAVE BEEN FUNDED BY RQL .NOT THE GOVERNMENT. WE ARE CURRENTLY SEEKING REIMBURSEMENT

14 THE SITUATION CURRENTLY CAN BE RECOVERED ,BUT FOR THE AWARDED OF ANY FUTURE CONTRACTS THE PROCESS NEEDS TO BE STRICTLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH RQL POLICIES .MARK SNOWDEN HAS ALREADY ADVISED LAST WEEK THAT HE HAS AGREED WITH CAROL PERRETT THAT HE WILL WORK WITH HER TO MAKE SURE THE APPROVAL OF THE BUSINESS PLANS ARE COMPLIANT.

WHERE WE ARE

1 MACKAY HAS COMMENCED AND IS CONTINUEING .THIS PROJECT WAS FAST TRACKED FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS

2 BUSINESS CASES ARE NEAR COMPLETION FOR ALL PROJECTS.

3 CAIRNS /BEAUDESERT/ROCKHAMPTON ARE READY TO START

4 IN PRINCIPAL DISCUSSIONS WITH GCTC AND TOWNSVILLE ARE TO COMMENCE NEXT WEEK

5 DRAFT CONTRACT FROM CONTOUR WAS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD AND WAS REJECTED. OUTRIGHT

.WHERE TO FROM HERE

1 MALCOLM IS TO ADDRESS THE BOARDS CONCERNS ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE INTEGRITY OF THE PROCESS THROUGH THE IIP COMMITTEE WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON THE FOLLOWING.

- . A SEPARATION OF FUNCTIONS [PROJECT MANAGER]
- . QUANTITY SURVEYOR FUNCTION TO BE INCLUDED
- . COPY RIGHT NON NEGOTIABLE
- . ADHERANCE TO RQL POLICIES

I HAVE DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH MALCOLM THIS MORNING AND I AGREE THAT HIS APPROACH IS CORRECT .FOR PAST AND FUTURE.

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