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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Project is progressing as planned**

The La Digue Port Extension Project – Phase One is at an advanced stage. Works being undertaken at the moment comprise of the relocation of the Public Utilities Corporation’s (PUC’s) underwater electrical cable from Praslin to La Digue. This work is 80% completed. At the moment, excavation of trenches on land for cable laying is underway. It will be completed by the end of this week. Once this is done, the next step is to perform the same at sea.

Meanwhile, the ongoing dredging works that started in May 2022 and being done in three phases so that the existing quay remains operational at all times is still underway. 70% of this work has been completed. Dredging is being done to widen the channel in order to accommodate all vessels entering the basin. A berth management plan for vessels coming to La Digue is already in application to facilitate the dredging process.

In addition to that, a sand platform is being stockpiled in front of the existing wall alignment where the sheet piles will be driven into the ground. The sheet piles will be transported to the designated area from Praslin as of 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022. This will be done in phases. Sheet piles treatment that is being done at the Cargo Terminal on Eve Island is now 40% completed.

The monthly meetings with the Steering Technical Committee to update the stakeholders as well as the businesses operating at the quay on the development of the project is still ongoing. This has resulted in positive and constructive conversations between all the parties involved.

The one-year project comprises of three main components that include dredging of the basin, building of a quay wall and construction of a breakwater.