

Sitting No. 43/65

Cabinet Meeting held at the office of the Hon. Minister of Industrial Development & Tourism on Thursday, 8th July, 1965, at 10 am.

Present: Hon. Minister of Industrial Development & Tourism;

Hon. Minister of Justice;

Hon. Minister of Works and Housing;

Hon. Minister of Health.

Absent: Hon. Prime Minister

Hon. Minister of Education

Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Power & Communications

Hon. Minister of Labour & Social Welfare.

OPM. 76/66.

Hilton Hotel Project

(Mr. S. Langran, Director of Public Works, and Dr. E. Higgs, Commissioner of Land, were in attendance).

Hon. Ministers were informed that the Director of Public Works had reported to the Hon. Minister of Industrial Development & Tourism that the Spinola Developments Company Ltd. had failed to submit to him priced schedules and detailed estimates relating to works figuring under approved

expenditure, as required under clause 5(1)(a) to (e) of the deed of grant. The Director of Public Works understood that no priced schedules of the works had been prepared at all and that the contract had been awarded to Messrs. Reliance Construction Establishment after a call for tenders on a lump sum basis. It was clear from the conditions of the deed that the Company was to submit the priced schedules of work, which were required to enable the Public Works Department to check the quantity and the price of the work carried out.

Hon. Ministers considered it advisable and agreed that the commencement of building operations should not be delayed on this account and that they should commence within the time required by the Government, i.e. the 20th July, 1965. The Company should be allowed to proceed with the commencement of the works and also asked by letter to submit as early as possible the required estimates provided in their letter of May 11, 1965. As a start the Company was to send in the detailed estimates as submitted by Hilton International and agreed to by the Company relating to furnishings and fixtures, operating equipments and professional fees.

It was further agreed

that in the absence of the information required by clause 3 of the deed of grant the Director of Public Works should be afforded all necessary facilities to enable him to carry out the checking of the applications for payments of the grant money.

DPW. 536/58.

Application by Messrs. The American Marine and Machinery Company Ltd. for a plot of land for the purpose of manufacturing dredgers (Dromo. No. 436)

(Mr. S. Dargatzis, Director of Public Works, and Mr. E. Higgs, Commissioner of Land, were in attendance)

The Hon. Minister of Industrial Development & Commerce informed the Cabinet that the Hon. Prime Minister was in favour of granting the Company the site at Wassexplakk, now reserved for the Netherlands Company. It was understood that the Netherlands Company was no longer interested in the site in question. Before considering the matter further, it was thought necessary to ascertain in the first instance whether the site would meet the requirements of the American Marine and Machinery Company Ltd.

Arthur Phares
Prime Minister
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Prof. Bugeja
Secretary to Cabinet.
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