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**SLASPA, SLNT & SLAHS COLLABORATE IN REHABILITATION PLANS FOR THE ISLAND'S  
LIGHTHOUSES**

The Saint Lucia Air and Sea Ports Authority (SLASPA) has collaborated with the Saint Lucia National Trust (SLNT) and the Saint Lucia Archaeological and Historical Society (SLAHS) in its rehabilitation and restoration plans for the Moule a Chique and Vigie Lighthouses.

The lighthouses were erected in 1912 and 1914 respectively. Currently, these historic beacons are suffering the ravages of time and the elements, and therefore require rehabilitation. The Moule a Chique lighthouse in particular is in a state warranting repair. The Dome over time has corroded considerably and was recently taken down for safety reasons. SLASPA is in the process of implementing rehabilitation plans for the two lighthouses and has engaged the Saint Lucia National Trust (SLNT) and the Saint Lucia Archaeological and Historical Society (SLAHS) for involvement in these plans.

A decision to collaborate on the project was made during a joint meeting of the three parties held on Monday, September 14, 2020 via the ZOOM platform. Upon deliberations, SLASPA, as the custodians of air and sea port operations agreed to spearhead the development of rehabilitation plans for the project, with an assurance from the Saint Lucia National Trust to assist with and create activities geared toward the sustainability of the same.

According to the Senior Manager- Business Development and Corporate Communications at SLASPA, Gasper George; "the lighthouses are of historic and national significance. For this reason, the collaboration between SLASPA, the Saint Lucia National Trust, and the Saint Lucia Archaeological and Historical Society will ensure their historic value is preserved in all aspects of the rehabilitation plans to be established."

Chairperson of the Trust, Alison King, in pledging the commitment of her team toward realizing the success of this development, expressed satisfaction at the joint effort of all parties involved to meet the objectives of what must be considered a national initiative. According to her; "It is my expectation that other institutions will see the merit in engaging heritage management organizations in the initial stages of projects, keeping in mind the impact of decisions on the nation's heritage assets."

The organizations have agreed to explore mutually beneficial income-generating opportunities from the rehabilitated lighthouses.

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#### **About SLASPA**

The Saint Lucia Air and Sea Ports Authority (SLASPA) is the organization responsible for the island's ports of entry. SLASPA handles over **700,000 annual tons of sea and air cargo**, facilitates more than **840,000 airline travellers, an average of 600,000 cruise** passengers, **60,000 ferry passengers, over 54,000 yacht passengers, over 34,000 aircraft movements** and berths over 1,000 vessels.

#### **About Saint Lucia National Trust and.**

The Saint Lucia National Trust was established in 1975 by statute and charged with the sustainable management of the nation's natural, cultural and marine heritage. It is a membership organisation governed by a Council, the majority of whom are elected from among its members. It manages natural and historic sites vested in or donated to it, as well as areas of natural and

cultural value in State of private ownership. The Trust advocates policies and development models that integrate heritage management into development plans.

**About the Archaeological and Historical Society**

The Saint Lucia Archaeological and Historical Society was established in 1954. It is a membership organisation governed by a Constitution and a Board elected from among its members. Its objects are to, *inter alia*, arouse and maintain interest in the archaeology and history of Saint Lucia through research, publication, preservation and display of objects, monuments and places of archaeological and historic value