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**ECONOMIC PLANNING DIVISION AND NEMO HOLDS COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE NEMO WAREHOUSE AT CAMPDEN PARK**

**[Kingstown, Saint Vincent]** – The Economic Planning Division, in collaboration with the National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO), recently conducted a community consultation in Campden Park – regarding the rehabilitative and construction works scheduled to begin at the NEMO Warehouse in November 2023.

On October 18, 2023, members of the community turned out to the consultation meeting, where they learnt more about the proposed works and raised relevant questions and inquiries about how the works may affect them.

Financed through the Volcanic Eruption Emergency Project (VEEP), which is a World Bank funded project, the works at the NEMO Campden Park Warehouse will ensure that it is an environmentally-sound building that is safe, resilient and conducive to efficient disaster response.

Remarks at the consultation meeting were delivered by NEMO Director, Ms. Michelle Forbes, and Stewart Engineering Ltd Senior Structural Engineer, Mr. Johann Stewart presented the design solutions. Additionally, the VEEP Safeguards representative, Ms. Sharika Mandeville, addressed Environmental & Social Safeguards matters.

The scope of works at the warehouse will include the renovation of the existing building and the extension of the facility, with the construction of two (2) new wings – one of which will feature a mezzanine with lift access.

Other works will include: refurbishment of the roof with installation of vents; improvement of compound security; upgrade of the electrical, mechanical and plumbing systems; installation of

a water collection and storage system; and the installation of a back-up generator (with weatherproof enclosure) and supporting system.

Gibson's Construction Ltd was awarded the contract for rehabilitative and construction works for the sum of EC\$4,141,751.23; and Stewart Engineering Ltd was selected for the supervision consultancy for the sum of \$233,638.40.

*The VEEP became effective on December 10, 2021, and is expected to close on December 30, 2026. It is financed by the World Bank (US\$40 million) and co-financed by the EU-funded Caribbean Regional Resilience Building Facility (US\$2 million).*

*The implementing agency for this Project is the Economic Planning Division, which operates under the remit of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Information Technology.*

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