

Les Salines Beachcomber Resort & Spa obtains its EIA**New wetland: work due to start in February 2019**

The *Les Salines Beachcomber Resort & Spa* hotel project was granted its EIA certificate from the Ministry of the Environment this week. The first stage of the project's construction will see a large wetland created on approximately 20 acres of land owned by NMH. This new wetland will be developed in close collaboration with relevant authorities including the Ministry of the Environment.

Hotel building works will only begin once the wetland has been created.

The NMH Group will invest approximately Rs 3 billion in the resort's construction via its subsidiary Beachcomber Hospitality Investments Ltd. The project is part of a large integrated development scheme set across 375 acres of freehold land, located behind the hotel complex and owned by NMH.

Over the past year, the Group's representatives have had numerous exchanges and working sessions with relevant authorities, including the Ministries of the Environment, Fisheries and Land respectively. As a result of these exchanges, the Group and its consultants were able to incorporate the Ministries' recommendations and the mitigating measures endorsed by their experts into their plans. This will ensure that the proposed development will be implemented in strict compliance with the law and with environmental regulations, while taking the historical significance of the site into account.

Work on the project is due to begin in February 2019, starting with the creation of new wetland on roughly 20 acres of land located behind the hotel. NMH intends for the project's design, construction and operational management to set a standard for public-private collaboration.

The hotel, which is part of a Government strategy to develop the Salines Peninsula in Black River, will consist of 310 rooms and 56 family units.

This large-scale project will contribute to the socio-economic development of neighbouring villages, including Black River in particular. This area of the island, in which there are currently no hotels, will benefit from the long-term support and collaboration of the NMH Group as it pursues sustainable development and seeks to improve its inhabitants' quality of life.

Practical information about *Les Salines Beachcomber Resort & Spa*:

- A Rs 3 billion investment on the part of the NMH Group
- Resort expected to open in August 2020
- 310 rooms and 56 family units
- Creation of 600 jobs in direct employment and 2,000 jobs in indirect employment
- Will also support the growth of a large number of small businesses in the region
- The site's access road, commissioned by Landscape and to whose cost NMH has contributed Rs200M, is already open to the public

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