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# REVIEW





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## Social Development & Safeguards

### Final Verification and Sign-off Meeting to Facilitate Payment of Project Affected Households Completed

During the months of November and December the staff of the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) of the Renewable Energy Development Sector (RESDP), accompanied by the Social Transformation Officer for Soufriere and Choiseul and the Chairpersons of the Fond St. Jacques Development Committee, Belle Vue Farmers' Cooperative Society and the Saltibus Youth and Sports Council; met individually with the 17 primary project affected person(s) (PPAPs) who represented the households who would lose crops, farm income and structures on lands that they presently occupied as a result of the upcoming civil works associated with the RESDP in Belvedere, Belle Plaine and Saltibus. The meetings were to have all PPAPs verify and agree to the final asset count and compensation amounts to be paid to their household for the assets lost to the households due to their economic displacement as a result of the project.



Figure 1: Verification & Sign-off Committee Exercise in Saltibus

The verification and sign-off meetings were held at the Fond St. Jacques Technology Centre for



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Belvedere landholders, Belle Vue Farmers' Cooperative Society for Belle Plaine landholders and Saltibus Combined School for Parc Estate landholders. The meeting with each PPAP proceeded smoothly with each PPAP agreeing to the asset loss count and compensation amount. These meetings were the second of two verification meetings with the first being held on September 23, when the asset count from the asset surveys of 2024 and the compensation amounts were first shared with the PPAPs. Each PPAP representing their respective household was allowed at least two months to review the recorded asset lost count and the proposed compensation amounts before participating in this final verification and sign-off meeting.

The representatives from Department of Social Transformation, Fond St. Jacques Development Committee, Belle Vue Farmers' Cooperative Society and the Saltibus Youth and Sports Council witnessed the proceedings and were responsible for ensuring that the asset count and compensation amounts were thoroughly explained to each PPAP and that the PPAPs fully understood and agreed to what was being proposed to them.

Subsequent to the final verification and sign-off exercise, the PIU began the necessary steps to process compensation payments for the affected households.

# Environmental Safeguards

## UWI Seismic Research Centre and RESDP Sign Contract for Design, Supply, Installation and Monitoring of Seismic Monitoring Stations.

The contract for the implementation of the design, supply, installation and monitoring of seismic monitoring stations/network was signed between the RESDP and UWI Seismic Research Centre (SRC) on September 20, 2025.

The overarching objective of the consultancy is design and installation of a seismic monitoring system that monitors and records ground vibrations in the vicinity of the drilling sites at Fond St. Jacques, Belle Plaine, and Saltibus. On installation, the records from the network will be used to correlate any claims of structural damage to structures, within a 300m radius around drilling sites, to vibrations occurring as a result of project activities.

During the period November 24 to 28, 2025, UWISRC's technical team followed up with a five-day visit to Saint Lucia to conduct the following activities:

- (i) Location and visits to the seven selected monitoring sites – S01 to S07,
- (ii) Visit to the various hardware companies to verify their ability to supply the required materials and supplies needed to establish the seismic monitoring network,
- (iii) Meeting with Digicel to discuss telemetry to support the seismic monitoring equipment.

On December 10, 2025, a joint field trip was also held between the PIU and Digicel's Technical Team. The purpose of the trip was as follows:

- (i) To allow both parties to know the physical locations of the Seismic Monitoring Points (SMPs),
- (ii) To allow Digicel's technicians to conduct the necessary research to determine how best they can assist the project to cover the needs of the network,
- (iii) To allow the RESDP Community Liaison Officer to start interaction with the landowners who were available on-site.



Figure 2: Site Visit with PIU and Digicel's Technical Team

To date, the UWISRC has submitted to the RESDP its inception report, and design and supply report.

## Final Environmental and Social Impact Assessment and Environmental and Social Management Plan Received

Panorama Environmental Inc. submitted the final Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) and Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) documents to the RESDP on November 25, 2025.

The ESIA's for Saltibus, Belle Plaine and Fond St. Jacques present all the potential risks, impacts and concerns that the project activities will have on the environment and the communities within proximity to the project sites while the ESMPs for the same areas have identified the mitigation measures that will be adopted to avoid, reduce and manage the identified risks and impacts. These documents are available on the project's website at

<https://www.sluresdp.com/resources>.



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Environmental and Social Impact Assessment

Figure 3: Final ESMP

# Technical Coordination

## RESDP Addresses Concerns over Green Buffer Zone Demarcation

The Green Buffer Zone demarcation survey has recommenced, and the PIU actively engaged communities to ensure a smooth and transparent process.



Figure 4: Dr. Arthur Antoine Engaging Grievant

Recognizing the sensitive nature of the work, RESDP adopted a collaborative approach, working with key stakeholders to erect informative signs throughout the zone. As part of this renewed push for community engagement, Dr. Arthur Antoine, Project Technical Assistant and Windia Jaunai, Community Liaison Officer, conducted a personal visit to an affected resident to address concerns.

During the visit, the resident was provided detailed project updates, and explained the technical aspects of the demarcation process. This direct outreach underscores the project's commitment to proactive communication and ensuring that residents' concerns are heard and addressed as Saint Lucia pursues its goal of energy independence.

## Modernizing Saint Lucia's Energy Future – Our National Geothermal Bill Update

As part of the RESDP, the Government of Saint Lucia is making significant strides in modernizing the national legal and regulatory framework for clean energy. A key highlight of this initiative is the update of our draft Geothermal Resource Development Bill (2012), which aims to create a stable, home-grown energy foundation to reduce reliance on expensive imported fuels and lower electricity costs for all Saint Lucians.

This updated legislation will be designed to ensure national energy security by establishing clear rules for resource ownership and investment. Crucially, the Bill integrates rigorous environmental and social safeguards to protect the island's natural heritage, including the Pitons Management Area, and ensures that local communities directly benefit from geothermal development such as the introduction of "direct-use" applications like agro-processing and wellness tourism, in addition to renewable energy for electricity.

To support this transition, the *OECS GEOBUILD* have contracted consultants Partnership International, Inc. and Arthur John Armstrong, P.C. (joint venture) to serve as an advisory team. This advisory team is working closely with national stakeholders. During upcoming stakeholder meetings scheduled for February 2026, these experts will provide an overview of the Bill's core objectives and seek input from public, community, and institutional stakeholders. Public input remains essential to ensuring this legislation serves the best interests of the nation.

The PIU encourages all stakeholders to participate in these upcoming sessions between February 24th and 27th and engage directly with the advisory team to help shape Saint Lucia's renewable energy future. Meetings for institutional stakeholders from the north of Saint Lucia will be held at the DIPT Conference Room and the south at the Leisure Inn, Soufriere. While Country Lime, Green Room, Lambert's Hideaway and M&L Disco, will serve as the venues for the community sessions in Belle Plaine, Fond St. Jacques, and Saltibus.

## Dominica's Geothermal Project Reaches Another Milestone

Dominica has made great strides in its quest to produce energy from its abundant geothermal resource thus reducing energy costs, replacing carbon-based fuel and strengthening energy security. To this end during the month of December 2025, efforts at commissioning a 10 MW geothermal plant at Laudat, Roseau, began. The plant was built and will be managed by the Geothermal Power Company of Dominica LTD, a wholly owned subsidiary of Omat Technologies, established specifically to implement this project. The company has a concession agreement to operate the plant for 25 years. Timeline for the remaining commissioning activities up to March 2026 is displayed below:

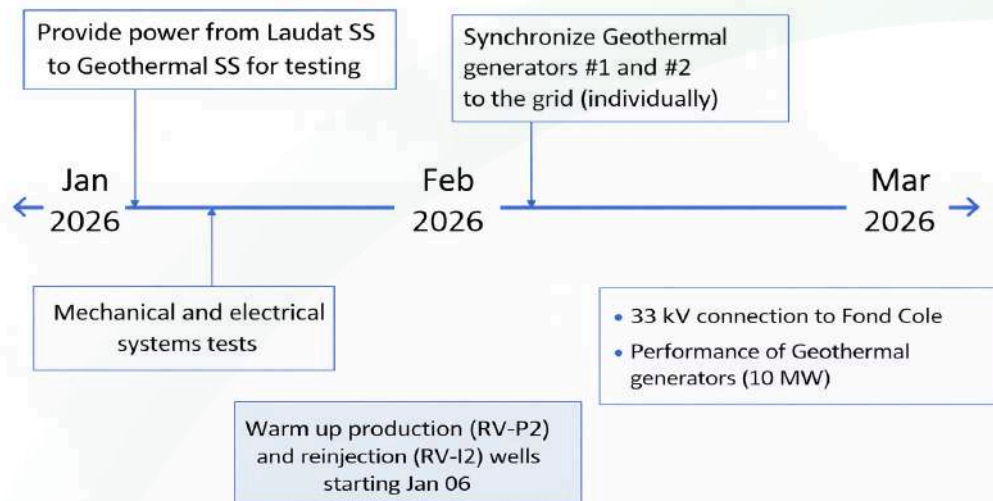


Figure 5: Commissioning Timelines (Source: Dominica Geothermal Development Company)

The power from the plant will be sold to the Dominica Electricity Services Ltd, who has the exclusive license to distribute and supply electricity in Dominica.

To connect the plant to the national grid and supply the whole island with geothermal energy, a high-voltage transmission network is being built. Construction works is being funded by the Government of Dominica.

St. Lucia's own efforts at geothermal development, though still at the exploratory stage, is proceeding smoothly. Over the next two years, three exploratory wells will be drilled in Belle Plaine and Belvedere, Soufriere, and Saltibus, Laborie, to confirm the economic viability of the island's geothermal resource. It is expected that preparatory civil work will begin in the latter half of 2026.

A mid-project perception survey of the project showed that most St. Lucians were excited about the country's prospects of producing geothermal power. For more updates on St. Lucia's own journey please follow the project's Facebook page,

<https://www.facebook.com/resdpainstlucia/> and its website at [www.sluresdp.com](http://www.sluresdp.com).



Figure 6: Dominica's Geothermal Plant (Source: Dominica Geothermal Development Company)

## RESDP Addresses Recent Public Concerns Wrongly Associated With Exploration Drilling

The PIU wishes to assure the public that the recent tremors felt in Soufriere during the month of December were not related to drilling activity within the proposed drilling sites.

Over the last four weeks the community of Soufriere has been rocked by several felt events with one registering as high as M3.2. Seismic data reviewed by UWI SRC over the past month indicate that nine regional events were felt in and around Saint Lucia.

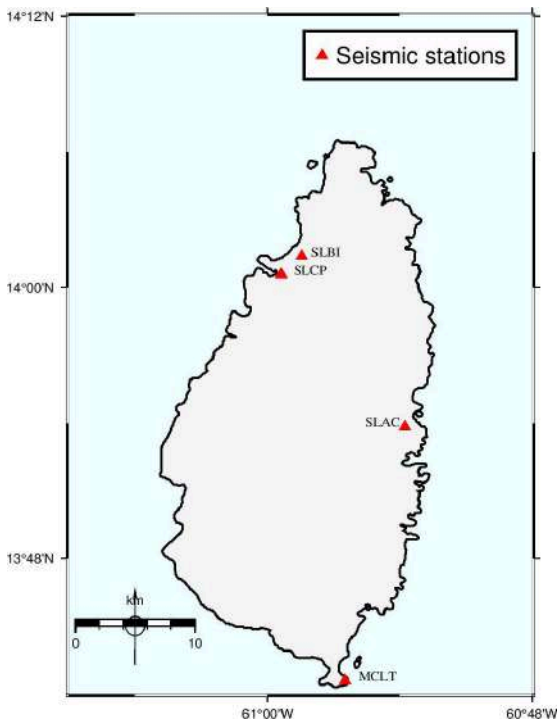


Figure 7: Seismic Monitoring Stations Around Saint Lucia

However, several were minor in magnitude. These regional events were also felt in Martinique, Barbados, and neighbouring territories.

Saint Lucia lies within a volcanically and seismically active region, where minor tremors and earthquakes are a natural occurrence. Such seismic activity is routinely recorded across the Eastern Caribbean and is not uncommon in the region.

According to the Dr. Ken Aldonza, RESDP Project Manager “The increased occurrence of seismic activity which was recorded in December was not associated with any project activities, as no drilling or civil works have commenced to date in any of the drilling locations: Belvedere and Belle Plaine, Soufriere, and Saltibus, Laborie. However, they are consistent with natural regional tectonic and volcanic activity and are independent of any development initiatives.”

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The Communications Team of the RESDP wishes to reaffirm the project’s commitment to transparency and to assure the public that information on the project’s impacts, planned or unplanned, will continue to be shared with the public in a timely manner.

Members of the public are encouraged to rely on verified sources and official updates for information related to seismic events such as the National Emergency Management Organisation and UWI Seismic and for project progress the RESDP’s Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/resdpsaintlucia> and website [www.sluresdp.com](http://www.sluresdp.com).



# GRIEVANCE REDRESS MECHANISM PERFORMANCE REPORTING

## GRM Performance Update: October to December 2025

During this reporting period, two grievances were reported using the project's GRM.

By the end of December, one complaint had been closed, and the second grievant's complaint had been formally acknowledged. Because of the complexity of the second matter, it was referred to the Attorney General's Chambers. The PIU awaits the Chamber's response.

All persons affected by the project's activities are encouraged to utilize the GRM to submit grievances. The PIU remains committed to addressing community concerns in a timely and transparent manner, ensuring that all submissions are appropriately reviewed and resolved as the project progresses. Grievances may be recorded via the RESDP's Google Form (<https://forms.gle/GMVVNrRefZGbdxf>) and through the multiple uptake channels outlined below.



Are you an individual, community group or an authorised representative of the community of Belle Plaine, Fond St. Jacques or Saltibus with a grievance relating to geothermal drilling operations of the Renewable Energy Sector Development Project?



## TO SUBMIT A GRIEVANCE DO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 1 COMPLETE AND SUBMIT A FEEDBACK LOGGING FORM AT:**
  - Saltibus Post Office,
  - Fond St. Jacques Technology Access Centre,
  - Region 6 Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services Office,
  - Piton Management Area Office,
  - Contractors' offices,
  - Energy and Public Utilities Division of the Department of Infrastructure, Ports and Transport, Castries.
- 2 COMPLETE AND SUBMIT ONLINE FORM ON** [www.sluresdp.com](http://www.sluresdp.com)
- 3 EMAIL** [grievances.resdp@govt.lc](mailto:grievances.resdp@govt.lc)  
You can download a PDF copy of the Feedback Logging Form from the RESDP website, complete it and e-mail it to us.
- 4 SOCIAL MEDIA**
  - Facebook: [resdpsaintlucia](https://www.facebook.com/resdpsaintlucia)
  - Instagram: [sluresdp](https://www.instagram.com/sluresdp)
- 5 IN PERSON** Speak to our project or contractor staff
- 6 LETTER** Deliver to our address:  
Project Implementation Unit (PIU), Renewable Energy Sector Development Project (RESDP), Energy and Public Utilities Division, Sir Stanislaus James Building, Waterfront, Castries
- 7 CALL** ☎️ 📞 1 (758) 732-0030



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## Induction Ceremony Held for DIPT-RESDP SAP Scholarship Recipients

On Wednesday, December 3, 2025, the Sir Arthur Lewis Community College (SALCC) and the Department of Infrastructure, Ports and Transport (DIPT) hosted an induction ceremony to mark the award of scholarships under the DIPT-RESDP SAP. The ceremony inducted 12 new awardees, who will pursue studies within the Engineering Department of SALCC, in the programme during the 2025/2026 academic year.



Figure 8: Induction Ceremony of New DIPT-RESDP SAP Awardees

The newly awarded scholarships support young women undertaking associate degree programmes in Electrical, Mechanical, Computer Systems, and Automotive Engineering, as well as certificate-level training in Electrical Installation, Motor Vehicle Mechanics, and Air Conditioning Systems.

The initiative forms part of the RESDP's gender integration component which seeks to reduce the gender gap in technical and engineering-related employment within the energy sector.

The scholarships provide comprehensive support to beneficiaries covering tuition, a laptop, uniforms, school supplies, tool kits, and transportation for the duration of their studies. In addition, recipients are afforded the opportunity to participate in an extended paid apprenticeship within the energy sector, strengthening their practical skills and employability upon completion of their programmes.

Since its inception, the scholarship programme has supported multiple cohorts of young women pursuing technical and engineering careers, contributing to increased female participation in traditionally male-dominated fields. The induction ceremony underscored the Government of Saint Lucia's continued commitment to gender equity, skills development, and the sustainable growth of the renewable energy sector.

## DIPT- RESDP SAP Scholarship Recipients Excel at SALCC

On Sunday, December 7, 2025, SALCC hosted its 39th Graduation Ceremony, celebrating the academic achievements of its graduating class. Among the graduates were ten recipients of the DIPT- RESDP SAP, who successfully completed their programmes of study.

One of the standout performers was Rhea Raoul, who topped her programme in Computer Systems Engineering, demonstrating exceptional academic excellence and dedication throughout her course of Study.



Figure 9: DIPT-RESDP SAP at SALCC's Graduation Ceremony

The DIPT-RESDP SAP is an initiative aimed at reducing the gender gap in energy-related fields by providing young women with access to higher education and skills training. The programme continues to play a critical role in expanding opportunities for female students pursuing studies in engineering and related disciplines.

Building on this success, an additional twelve scholarships were awarded for the 2025/2026 academic year to young women enrolled at SALCC. These scholarships support studies at the associate degree level in Electrical, Mechanical, Computer Systems and Automotive Engineering, as well as certificate-level programmes in Electrical Installation,

Motor Vehicle Mechanics and Air Conditioning Systems within the Engineering Unit.

Speaking on the achievements of the graduates, Dominic Alexander, representative of the DIPT-RESDP, expressed pride in the scholarship recipients. "Their success is a strong reflection of their commitment and hard work. We are proud to support these young women and look forward to their continued success," he stated. He further noted that their accomplishments highlight the importance of initiatives such as the DIPT-RESDP SAP in creating pathways to long-term professional growth.

The DIPT commends all scholarship recipients who successfully completed their programmes and celebrates their contribution to academic excellence and national development.

For more information and updates on the DIPT-RESDP SAP, visit the project's website at [www.sluresdp.com](http://www.sluresdp.com).



# PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITIES



## CURRENT ACTIVITIES (Selection Process Ongoing):

ACTIVITY NAME	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	ACTIVITY PROCUREMENT REFERENCE	ACTIVITY LAUNCHED DATE	DEADLINE
Civil Works for the Exploration Drilling Program	Request for Bids Selection method is to be utilized to engage a Contractor to prepare three drilling sites and construction of drill pads.	LC-MIPPDUR-426960-CW-RFB	May 6, 2025	September 3, 2025
House Construction for Project Affected Persons	Request for Quotation Selection method is utilized to engage a Contractor to construct two reinforced concrete houses.	LC-MIPPDUR-467302-CW-RFQ	August 22, 2025	September 17, 2025

# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

ACTIVITY NAME & DESCRIPTION	ACTIVITY PROCUREMENT REFERENCE	PROPOSED LAUNCHED DATE	DEADLINE
Integrated Drilling Services– Request for Bids Selection method is to be utilized to engage a Contractor to drilling of 3 exploratory wells.	LC-MIPPDUR-255364-CW-RFB	February 2, 2026	April 22, 2026
Drafting Instructions for ESIA Regulations - Engagement of a Consultant to prepare the Drafting Instructions and to consolidate existing policies, for submission to legal counsel for the establishment of the legislative and regulatory framework.	LC-MIPPDUR-467282-CS-CQS	To Be Announced	To Be Announced
Drafting Instructions for Legislation to Support Energy Efficiency Regulation - Engagement of a Consultant to prepare the Drafting Instructions and to consolidate existing policies, for submission to legal counsel for the establishment of the legislative and regulatory framework.	LC-MIPPDUR-467281-CS-CQS	March 15, 2026	April 15, 2026
Nesting Bird Survey and Tree Clearing – A limited open market approach will be utilized for the selection of an individual Consultant to conduct nesting bird survey and tree clearing activities.	LC-MIPPDUR-467295-NC-RFQ	February 2, 2026	February 16, 2026
Archaeological services - A limited open market approach will be utilized for the selection of an individual Consultant to provide archaeological services.	LC-MIPPDUR-467293-CS-INDV	February 2, 2026	February 16, 2026

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