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Government Notices

No. 27

ACTING APPOINTMENTS:

CAPITOLIN-TOUSSAINT, Mrs. Lydia, Administrative Officer, Establishment, Personnel and Training Department, appointed to continue to act in the office of Chief Personnel Officer, Establishment, Personnel and Training Department, with effect from 1st April to 30th September, 2024.

P.F. 3150^A

CUFFY, Imran, Esquire, Housing Officer, Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, appointed to act in the office of Chief Technical Officer, Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, with effect from 21st March to 20th September, 2024.

P.F. 6210

DURAND, Dr. Evetlyn, Dental Surgeon, Ministry of Health, Wellness and Social Services, appointed to act in the office of Chief Dental Officer, Ministry of Health, Wellness and Social Services, with effect from 10th June to 12th July, 2024.

P.F. 8427

FREGISTE, Gerald, Esquire, Economist I, Ministry of Finance, Economic Development, Climate Resilience and Social Security, appointed to act in the office of Labour Commissioner, Ministry of Labour,

Public Service Reform, Social Partnership, Entrepreneurship and Small Business, with effect from 1st May to 30th June, 2024.

P.F. 7757

GUISTE, Robert, Esquire, Senior Education Officer, Ministry of Education, Human Resource Planning, Vocational Training and National Excellence, appointed to act in the office of Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education, Human Resource Planning, Vocational, Training and National Excellence, with effect from 1st April to 30th June, 2024.

P.F. 5346

JAMES, Ms. Denise, Administrative Officer, Public and Police Service Commissions, appointed to continue to act in the office of Secretary, Public and Police Service Commissions, with effect from 1st to 30th April, 2024.

P.F. 243^A

LETANG, Wayne, Esquire, Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Ministry of National Security and Legal Affairs, appointed to act in the office of Chief Fire Officer, Fire and Ambulance Services, Ministry of National Security and Legal Affairs, with effect from 3rd June to 12th August, 2024.

P.F. 4214^A

LEWIS, Mrs. Florestine, Senior Community Health Nurse, Ministry of Health, Wellness and Social Services, appointed to act in the office of Principal Nursing Officer, Ministry of Health, Wellness and Social Services, with effect from 1st to 30th August, 2024.

P.F. 3914

PROSPER, Matthew, Esquire, Station Officer, Ministry of National Security and Legal Affairs, appointed to act in the office of Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Fire and Ambulance Services, Ministry of National Security and Legal Affairs, with effect from 3rd June to 12th August, 2024.

P.F. 69^A

ROUDETTE-BAPTISTE, Mrs. Margaret, Trade Officer II, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Business, Trade and Energy, appointed to continue to act in the office of Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health, Wellness and Social Services, with particular responsibility for Social Services, with effect from 1st April to 30th April, 2024.

P.F. 4818

VIDAL, Ault, Esquire, Customs Officer Grade II, Ministry of Finance, Economic Development, Climate Resilience and Social Security, appointed to act in the office of Comptroller of Customs, Customs and Excise Division, Ministry of Finance, Economic Development, Climate Resilience and Social Security, with effect from 18th April to 30th June, 2024.

P.F. 5415

No. 28

TERMINATION OF ACTING APPOINTMENTS

CUFFY, Imran, Esquire, Housing Officer, Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, termination of acting appointment in the office of Manager, Housing Division, Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, with effect from 21st March, 2024.

P.F. 6210

LLOYD, Bernard, Esquire, Senior Property Valuer, Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, termination of acting appointment in the office of Chief Technical Officer, Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, with effect from 21st March, 2024.

P.F. 5684

By Command

CAREEN PREVOST
Secretary to the Cabinet.

DEPARTMENTAL AND OTHER NOTICES

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA
DOMHCV 111 OF 2003

IN THE MATTER OF BANC CARIBE LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE OFFSHORE BANKING ACT, No. 8 OF 1996
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT, No. 21 OF 1994
Companies (Winding-up) Rules, 1949: FORM 98:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CONTRIBUTORS OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR AN ORDER FOR RELEASE AND DISCHARGE

TAKE NOTICE that I, the undersigned liquidator of Banc Caribe Limited, intend to apply to the High Court of Justice for an Order confirming my release and discharge as liquidator, AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that any objection you may have to the granting of my release and discharge must be notified to the Registrar of the High Court of Justice and to the offices of Optimum Legal, VeRu's House, 54 Hillsborough Street, Roseau, Dominica attention Ms. Heather Felix-Evans, counsel to the Liquidator, within twenty-one (21) days of the date this notice is published.

Dated this 30th day of April, 2024.



MARCUS A. WIDE
Liquidator of Banc Caribe Limited

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA
Suit No. 498 of 2003 and 0066 of 2009

IN THE MATTER OF Tradex Ltd.
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE Woodmar Ltd.
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE International Business Companies (IBC) Act No. 10 of 1996 as amended by the International Business Companies Amendment Act No. 13 of 2000
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE Companies Act No. 21 of 1994
Companies (Winding-up) Rules, 1949: FORM 98:

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Court of Justice for an Order confirming my release and discharge as liquidator, and further take notice that any objection you may have to the granting of my release and discharge must be notified to the Registrar of the High Court of Justice and to the offices of Optimum Legal, VeRu's House, 54 Hillsborough Street, Roseau, Dominica attention Ms. Heather Felix- Evans, counsel to the Liquidator, within twenty-one (21) days of the date this notice is published.

Dated this 30th day of April, 2024.



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REGISTRATION OF MEDICAL PRACTITIONER

Notice is hereby given that DR. NELAINES DAMARIS OCANA FONTELA has been given Temporary Registration to practice DENTISTRY in the Commonwealth of Dominica effective December 22, 2023 to December 21, 2026.

KAYANTOUSSAINT (Ms.)
Deputy Registrar (Ag.).

8th May, 2023

delivered to the Presiding Officer/Supervisor no later than 4:00 p.m.

Every candidate must be named and designated by his full name and residence, in the nomination paper by two duly qualified voters, and the person so named must express in writing on the nomination paper, his consent to such nomination.

Every candidate for election must deliver, or cause to be delivered to the Presiding Officer/Supervisor, at the time of presenting his nomination paper, a declaration in writing signed by him, stating the qualifications possessed by him under section 5 of the ordinance and that he is in all other respects qualified to be nominated and elected to the Council.

In the event of the election being contested, the poll will take place between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on the 24th day of June, 2024, and the counting of the votes will take place after the close of poll.

IAN-MICHAEL ANTHONY
Chief Elections Officer.

E.O. 13.17
13th May, 2024

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

The Minutes of the Meeting of the House of Assembly held on Friday 29th December, 2023 is published with and forms part of this issue of the *Official Gazette*.

ALEXIA VALERIE-GROSS (Mrs.)
Clerk of the House of Assembly (Ag.).

H.O.A. 540-01
9th May, 2024

BOETICA VILLAGE COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

The general public, particularly the residents of Boetica are informed that on Monday, May 13, 2024 the under-mentioned candidates were elected to the Boetica Village Council:

1.	Larry Smith	-	40 votes
2.	Ken K Joseph	-	33 votes
3.	Malon Smith	-	31 votes
4.	Phillip Guiste	-	31 votes

Kurt Frederick and Randolph Joseph tied in fifth place (5th) with 14 votes.

52 or 21.94% of the electorate voted.
28 or 53.85% were male.
24 or 46.15% were female.

IAN-MICHAEL ANTHONY
Chief Elections Officer.

E.O. 13.17
14th May, 2024

APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDING OFFICER/SUPERVISOR FOR THE TETE MORNE VILLAGE COUNCIL GENERAL ELECTION

The general public is informed that Mrs. Louise Jno. Lewis is appointed Presiding Officer/Supervisor for the Tete Morne Village Council General Election, in accordance with Section 41(1) of the Village Council Ordinance, Chapter 190 of the Revised Laws of Dominica (1961).

Nomination day is the 4th day of June, 2024 and the Presiding Officer/Supervisor will be available at the Village Council's Office in Tete Morne between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to receive the nomination of candidates. On that day, the completed nomination documents must be

SAGICOR LIFE (EASTERN CARIBBEAN) INC.

PETER RICKETTS of Morne Daniel, Dominica, having made sworn deposition that Policy No. 0128292 issued by Life of Barbados Limited and assumed by Sagicor Life (Eastern Caribbean) Inc. on his life has been lost and having made application to the Directors to grant a duplicate of the same, notice is hereby given that unless

objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the duplicate policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: 15th May, 2024

By Order

ANDREW C. GREAVES
Corporate Secretary.

IN THE MATTER OF THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAP. 53:02)
OF THE LAWS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA

AND

IN THE MATTER OF THE DECLARATION BY THE MINISTER THAT A CERTAIN PORTION OF LAND
IN THE PARISH OF ST. PATRICK IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA IS TO BE ACQUIRED FOR A PUBLIC PURPOSE
TO WIT PHASE ONE (1) OF THE ROAD AND BRIDGE REHABILITATION PROJECT-LOUBIERE TO BAGATELLE ROAD

APPOINTMENT OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER

It is hereby notified for general information that in pursuance of the powers vested in her under the Land Acquisition Act, Chap. 53:02 of the Laws of Dominica, 1990, the Honourable Minister for Housing and Urban Development, acting in accordance with the advice of the Cabinet, has been pleased to appoint the Director of Surveys and Commissioner of Lands to be the Authorised Officer for the purpose of the acquisition of the following portion of land:-

SCHEDULE

All that certain portion of land owned by Clem Antoine part of Cavalier/Bellevue Chopin in the parish of St. Patrick containing 4,457 square feet and bounded as follows:

North : Land of Clem Antoine
South : Public Road
East : Land of Ferry Morancie
West : Land of Trotter Pinard

Dated this 18th January, 2024.



HONOURABLE MELISSA POPONNESKERRIT
Minister for Housing and Urban Development

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OF THE LAWS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA

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DECLARATION OF ACQUISITION OF LAND

(First Publication)

WHEREAS it is enacted by Section 3 of the Land Acquisition Act (Chap. 53:02) that if the Minister considers that any land should be acquired for a public purpose she may cause a Declaration to the effect to be made.

AND WHEREAS it is considered by the Minister that the land mentioned and described in the Schedule hereto should be acquired for a public purpose to wit phase one (1) of the Road and Bridge rehabilitation project-Loubiere to Bagatelle Road.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY DECLARED BY the Minister for Housing and Urban Development, that the land mentioned and described in the Schedule hereto shall be acquired for the above-mentioned purpose, and upon the second publication of the Declaration in the Gazette, the said land shall vest absolutely in the State;

AND IT IS HEREBY FURTHER DECLARED AND NOTIFIED that a plan of the above-mentioned land may be inspected at all reasonable hours at the Lands and Surveys Department situated at Charles Avenue, Goodwill Road, Roseau in the Commonwealth of Dominica.

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SCHEDULE

All that certain portion of land owned by Hildreth Morancie part of Geneva Estate in the parish of St. Patrick containing 1,041 square feet and bounded as follows:

North : Madalene Bedminister
East : Hildreth Morancie
South : Francies Henry
West : Public Road

Dated this 18th January, 2024.



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SCHEDULE

All that certain portion of land owned by Ronald Hill and Cynthia Hill part of Lisdara Estate/Bellevue Chopin in the parish of St. Patrick containing 9,365 square feet and bounded as follows:

North : Lisdara Estate
South : Land of Ferry Morancie
East : Land of Ronald Hill and Cynthia Hill
West : Public Road

Dated this 16th February, 2024.



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SCHEDULE

All that certain portion of land owned by Ronald Hill and Cynthia Hill part of Lisdara Estate/Bellevue Chopin in the parish of St. Patrick containing 3,630 square feet and bounded as follows:

North : Lisdara Estate
South : Land of Ronald Hill and Cynthia Hill
East : Land of Ronald Hill and Cynthia Hill
West : Public Road

Dated this 16th February, 2024.



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HONOURABLE MELISSA POPONNESKERRIT
Minister for Housing and Urban Development

APPOINTMENT OF JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

It is notified for general information that Her Excellency The President, Sylvanie Burton, D.A.H., acting herein under Section 6 (2) of the Magistrate's Code of Procedure Act, Chap. 4:20, has appointed the following person as a Justice of the Peace:-

- Ms. Mensma Alexis - Belfast

The Instrument of Appointment is published with and forms part of this issue of the *Official Gazette*.

DONILLE BLACKMOORE (Miss)
President's Secretary.

PR039-316
7th May 2024

THE COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA

BY HER EXCELLENCY SYLVANIE BURTON, D.A.H.
President of the Commonwealth of Dominica

INSTRUMENT OF APPOINTMENT AS JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

TO: MS. MENSMA ALEXIS
BELFAST

I, SYLVANIE BURTON, D.A.H., President of the Commonwealth of Dominica, pursuant to the provisions of Section 6 (2) of the Magistrate's Code of Procedure Act, Chapter 4:20, and reposing special confidence and trust in your ability, integrity and loyalty, do hereby name, constitute and appoint you, MENSMA ALEXIS, a Justice of the Peace in and for the Commonwealth of Dominica.

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the Commonwealth of Dominica this 30th day of April 2024.




SYLVANIE BURTON
President

UNIVERSAL ASSETS BANK CORPORATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Notes	2023 EC\$	2023 US\$
ASSETS			
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	3	67,214	24,894
Deposits	6	24,592	9,108
Intangible assets	5	8,124	3,009
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS		99,930	37,011
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and on hand		2,703,443	1,001,275
Prepaid expenses	4	150,236	55,643
Accounts receivable		9,171	3,397
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		2,862,850	1,060,315
TOTAL ASSETS		2,962,780	1,097,326
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Authorized Share Capital	1	2,700,000	1,000,000
Share Holder's Contribution		4,692,646	1,738,017
Retained earnings		(4,440,307)	(1,644,558)
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		2,952,339	1,093,459
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable		10,441	3,867
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		10,441	3,867
TOTAL LIABILITIES		10,441	3,867
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		2,962,780	1,097,326

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.



DIRECTOR

DOMINICA

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— BY AUTHORITY

29th December, 2023

MINUTES

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Eighth Meeting of the First Session of the Eleventh Parliament under the Commonwealth of Dominica Constitution held at the House of Assembly, Victoria Street, Roseau on Friday 29th December, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

The Honourable Joseph Isaac - *Speaker*

- “ “ Dr Irving McIntyre, *Minister for Finance, Economic Development, Climate Resilience and Social Security*
- “ “ Rayburn Blackmoore, *Minister for National Security and Home Affairs*
- “ “ Denise A Charles, *Minister for Tourism*
- “ “ Octavia Alfred, *Minister for Education, Human Resource Planning, Vocational Training and National Excellence*
- “ “ Cassanni Laville, *Minister for Health, Wellness and Social Services*
- “ “ Fidel Grant, *Minister for Public Works, Public Utilities and Digital Economy*
- “ “ Cozier Frederick, *Minister for the Environment, Rural Modernisation, Kalinago Upliftment and Constituency Empowerment*
- “ “ Gretta Roberts, *Minister for Culture, Youth, Sports and Community Development*
- “ “ Miriam Blanchard, *Minister for Labour, Public Service Reform, Social Partnership, Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development*
- “ “ Roland Royer, *Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries, Blue and Green Economy*
- “ “ Jullan Defoe, *Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Blue and Green Economy with specific responsibility for Fisheries and Blue Economy*

Government (Cont'd)

The Honourable Darron Lloyd, *Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Environment, Rural Modernisation, Kalinago Upliftment and Constituency Empowerment with specific responsibility for Constituency Empowerment.*

- “ “ Fenella Wenham, *Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Education, Human Resource Planning, Vocational Training and National Excellence with specific responsibility for Education Reform and Human Resource Development.*
- “ “ Darren Pinard, *Minister of State in the Ministry of Labour, Public Service Reform, Social Partnership, Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development with specific responsibility for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development*
- “ “ Hon. Lakeyia Joseph, *Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Blue and Green Economy with specific responsibility for Development of Community Agro Enterprises*
- Senator the Honourable Kent Edwards, *Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Health, Wellness and New Health Investment with particular responsibility for Community and Home Care*

Opposition

The Honourable Jesma Paul, *Member for the Salisbury Constituency and Leader of the Opposition*

- “ “ Anthony Charles, *Member for the Marigot Constituency*

Senator the Honourable Lori Victor

- “ “ “ Lorraine M Henderson-Reid

- “ “ “ Delbert R Paris

Absent

The Honourable Roosevelt Skerrit, *Prime Minister and Minister for Investment and Governance*

- “ “ Levi A. Peter, *Attorney General*
- “ “ Melissa Poponne-Skerrit, *Minister for Housing and Urban Renewal*
- “ “ Dr. Cassandra Williams, *Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Social Services with specific responsibility for Seniors Security, Children at Risk, Gender Affairs and Differently abled*

Senator the Honourable Oscar George, *Minister of State in the Ministry of Culture, Youth, Sports and Community Development with specific responsibility for Youth and Sports.*

Senator the Honourable Phillip Rolle

- “ “ “ Dwain Austelle Lockhart

1. Prayer

The Speaker read the Prayer.

2. Obituary and Congratulatory remarks

There were no Obituary or Congratulatory remarks.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

The Hon. Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Business, Trade and Energy, Dr. Vince Henderson, seconded by the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Environment, Rural Modernisation, Kalinago Upliftment and Constituency Empowerment with responsibility for Constituency Empowerment, Mr. Darron Lloyd, moved that the Minutes of the Meeting of Thursday, 29th December, 2023 be confirmed as circulated.

The Motion was put to the vote and carried.

The Hon. Speaker declared the Minutes of the above mentioned meeting duly confirmed as circulated.

4. Announcements by Speaker

The Hon. Speaker informed the House that he had an announcement. The Hon. Speaker then said that he had received several letters from Members, namely The Hon. Prime Minister and Minister for Investment and Governance, Dr. Roosevelt Skerit, The Hon. Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Melissa Poponne Skerit, The Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Levi A Peter, Sen. the Hon. Oscar George, Minister of State in the Ministry of Culture, Youth, Sports and Community Development with specific responsibility for Youth and Sports, The Hon. Minister of State in the Ministry of Health, Wellness and Social Services with specific responsibility for Seniors Security, Children At Risk, Gender Affairs and The Differently Abled, Dr. Cassandra Williams, Sen. the Hon. Phillip Rolle, Sen. the Hon. Austelle Lockhart, who expressed their inability to attend and requested his permission to be absent from that Meeting. The Hon. Speaker then said that those permissions were so granted.

5. Government Notices

The Hon. Minister for Finance, Economic Development, Climate Resilience and Social Security, Dr. Irving McIntyre, gave notice that at a later stage of the Proceedings he will be moving the Motion **"AUTHORISATION FOR A BANK GUARANTEE TO SECURE THE COMMITMENTS MADE IN THE PROJECT FINANCING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA AND THE GEOTHERMAL POWER COMPANY OF DOMINICA (2023) LIMITED, OWNED BY ORMAT TECHNOLOGIES, INC "** standing in his name on the Order Paper.

6. Statement by Ministers

There was no statement by Ministers.

7. Government Business

Motions

By the Hon. Minister for Finance, Economic Development, Climate Resilience and Social Security
Dr. Irving McIntyre

RESOLUTION

AUTHORISATION FOR A BANK GUARANTEE TO SECURE THE COMMITMENTS MADE IN THE PROJECT FINANCING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA AND THE GEOTHERMAL POWER COMPANY OF DOMINICA (2023) LIMITED, OWNED BY ORMAT TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

The Hon. Minister for Finance, Economic Development, Climate Resilience and Social Security, Dr. Irving McIntyre, seconded by the Hon. Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Business, Trade and Energy, Dr. Vince Henderson moved the following motion:

WHEREAS Section 37 of the Finance Administration Act, Chap. 63:02 of the 2017 Revised Laws of the Commonwealth of Dominica, states that "No guarantee involving any financial liability shall be binding upon the Government unless that guarantee is given in accordance with the provisions of an Act or unless approved by resolution of the House of Assembly;

AND WHEREAS by virtue of Section 3(1) of the Loans Act, Chap. 64:05, of the 2017 Revised Laws of the Commonwealth of Dominica, the House of Assembly may by Resolution duly passed, authorize the Minister responsible for Finance to borrow money from approved sources or guarantee loans to statutory boards or public corporations, for the purpose of financing general development purposes in any foreign currency or currencies;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Dominica is desirous of utilizing Dominica's Geothermal resource for the generation of electricity and other commercial uses;

AND WHEREAS to date, the Government of Dominica has succeeded in confirming the viability of the Roseau Valley Geothermal Resource and has taken the final steps towards commercial operations:

- a. Drilled seven (7) geothermal wells in Laudat, Wotten Waven and Trafalgar;
- b. Provided a geothermal resource capable of supporting 10 megawatts of electricity generation in Laudat;
- c. Designed and tendered for the construction of a new efficient and resilient electricity transmission network connecting the geothermal power plant to the hydroelectric power plants and to the national grid, from the Roseau Valley to Fond Cole;

AND WHEREAS The Geothermal Power Company of Dominica (2023) Limited, owned by Ormat Technologies Inc., of Nevada, United States, entered into an Agreement on December 5, 2023 with the Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica, to finance, build and operate a 10 megawatt Geothermal Power Plant at Laudat and then transfer to the Government a fully operational power plant after 25 years of operations—at no cost to the Government;

AND WHEREAS a sum not exceeding Five Million United States Dollars (US\$5,000,000) or Thirteen Million, Five Hundred Thousand Eastern Caribbean Dollars (EC\$13,500,000.00) is required to secure the commitments made in the Project Financing Agreement between the Government of Dominica and the Geothermal Power Company of Dominica (2023) Limited, owned by Ormat Technologies Inc., of Nevada, United States for the construction of a Geothermal Power Plant;

AND WHEREAS the National Bank of Dominica has agreed to provide a bank guarantee to the Geothermal Power Company of Dominica (2023) Limited on behalf of the Government;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Dominica may enter into debt in the event of a recovery or draw down from the bank guarantee by Geothermal Power Company of Dominica (2023) Limited;

BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 37 of the Finance Administration Act, Chap. 63:02 of the 2017 Revised Laws of the Commonwealth of Dominica this Honourable House authorizes the Minister for Finance to obtain a bank guarantee from the National Bank of Dominica in the amount of Five Million United States Dollars (US\$5,000,000) or Thirteen Million, Five Hundred Thousand Eastern Caribbean Dollars (EC\$13,500,000.00) on the following terms to secure the commitments made in the Project Financing Agreement between the Government of Dominica and the Geothermal Power Company of Dominica (2023) Limited for the construction of the Geothermal Power Plant:

Period: Two (2) years expiring no later than January 2, 2026
Commission: 2 percent upon issue and annually thereafter

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 3 (1) of the Loans Act, Chap. 64:05 of the 2017 Revised Laws of the Commonwealth of Dominica this Honourable House authorizes the Minister for Finance to borrow any amount recovered or called in by the Geothermal Power Company of Dominica (2023) Limited but not more than Five Million United States Dollars (US\$5,000,000) or Thirteen Million, Five Hundred Thousand Eastern Caribbean Dollars (EC\$13,500,000.00) on the following terms, in the event of a cause for a recovery or call in:

Repayment Period: 240 months
Interest rate: 5 percent per annum on the reducing balance
Grace period: Two (2) years on principal;

***** (President's recommendation signified)**

The Hon. Minister for Finance, Economic Development, Climate Resilience and Social Security, Dr Irving McIntyre,
made a financial statement.

The question was then proposed and debate took place.

Sen. the Hon. Lorraine Henderson Reid,

The Hon. Minister for Environment, Rural Modernisation, Kalinago Upliftment and Constituency Empowerment, Mr. Cozier Frederick,

The Hon. Minister for Tourism, Ms Denise A Charles and

Sen. the Hon. Lori Victor,
spoke on the Motion.

Point of Order

The Hon. Minister for Tourism, Ms. Denise A Charles rose a Point of Order. Hon. Charles then said that Sen. the Hon. Lori Victor provided misinformation to the public by her referenced to the guarantee arrangement as a loan.

The Hon. Speaker, in reply, said that this was a technical matter, however, Members on the Government side could respond if they so wish. The Hon. Speaker then asked the Senator to continue with her contribution.

The Hon. Minister of State in the Ministry of Labour, Public Service Reform, Social Partnership and Small Business Development with specific responsibility for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development, Mr Daren Pinard,

The Hon. Minister for Education, Human Resource Planning, Vocational Training and National Excellence, Mrs Octavia Alfred and

Sen. the Hon. Delbert Paris,
Spoke on the Motion.

Point of Order

The Hon. Minister of State in the Ministry of Labour, Public Service reform, Social Partnership, Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development with specific responsibility for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development, Mr Daren Pinard rose on a Point of Order. Hon Pinard then said that Sen. the Hon Delbert Paris was deliberately misleading the public by his utterances.

The Hon. Speaker, in reply, asked the Senator to continue with his contribution.

Intervention by the Hon. Speaker

The Hon. Speaker, in his intervention, reminded Senator Paris that the statement in which he used the words "Sale of our passports" he had previously ruled on that matter and therefore asked that the statement be withdrawn.

Sen. the Hon. Delbert Paris, in reply, then withdrew the statement in which he used the words "Sale of our Passports".

Sen. the Hon. Rayburn Blackmoore, Minister for National Security and Legal Affairs, spoke on the Motion.

Point of Order

Sen the Hon Delbert Paris rose on a Point of Order. Senator Paris then said that the statement in which Sen the Hon Rayburn Blackmoore, Minister for National Security and Legal Affairs used the words “Senator the Hon Delbert Paris is against housing for the Poor” imputed improper motives and would like the statement withdrawn.

The Hon Speaker, in reply, said that statement was viewed as the Hon Minister’s opinion. The Hon. Speaker then asked the Hon Minister to continue with his contribution.

The Hon Minister for health, Wellness and Social Services, Mr Cassanni Laville, spoke on the Motion.

Point of Order

Sen the Hon Delbert Paris rose on a Point of Order. Senator Paris then said that the statement in which the Hon Minister for Health, Wellness and Social Services, Mr Cassanni Laville referred to Members of the Opposition as “ wilful ignorant” was unparliamentary and would like the statement withdrawn.

The Hon Speaker, in reply, cautioned the Hon Minister for Health, Wellness and Social Services, Mr Cassanni Laville that statement in which he used the words “wilful ignorant” to refer to members of the Opposition had a unparliamentary tone and appears to be a continuous attack on Members of the Opposition. The Hon Speaker then asked the Hon Minister to continue with his contribution.

Intervention by the Hon. Speaker

The Hon Speaker, just before the debate continued, took the opportunity to thank the Hon Minister for Health, Wellness and Social Services, Mr Cassanni Laville for the temperament exhibited and the manner in which he dealt with his ruling. The Hon Speaker then cautioned Members of the House that they should be mindful of what insertion are used, during their contributions, which impute improper motives and could also bring the House into dispute.

The Hon Minister for Public Works, Public Utilities and the Digital Economy,
Mr Fidel Grant,
spoke on the Motion.

The Hon Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Business, Trade and Energy,
Dr Vince Henderson,
spoke on the Motion.

Extension of Time to the Hon. Minister

The Hon. Minister for Tourism, Ms Denise A Charles, Seconded by the Hon Minister of State in the Ministry of Public Works, Public Utilities and the Digital Economy, Mrs Cherika Lockhart Hypolite, moved that the Hon. Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Business, Trade and Energy, Dr Vince Henderson be granted an additional twenty minutes.

Debate resumed

The Hon. Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Business, Trade and Energy,
Dr Vince Henderson,
continued to debate on the motion and completed his contribution.

Extension of Time to the Hon. Minister

The Hon. Minister for Tourism, Ms Denise A Charles, Seconded by the Hon. Minister of State in the Ministry of Public Works, Public Utilities and the Digital Economy, Mrs. Cherika Lockhart Hypolite, moved that the Hon. Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Business, Trade and Energy, Dr. Vince Henderson be granted an additional ten minutes.

Debate resumed

The Hon. Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Business, Trade and Energy,
Dr Vince Henderson,
continued to debate on the motion and completed his contribution.

The Hon Minister for Finance, Economic Development, Climate Resilience and Social Security, Dr Irving McIntyre,
wound up the debate.

The question was put and resolve in the affirmative:

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8. Adjournment

The Hon. Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Business, Trade and Energy, Dr. Vince Henderson rose and before he moved the Motion for Adjournment of the House sine die took the opportunity to wish everyone happy holidays and a productive 2024.

The Hon Speaker, just before the motion for the Adjournment of the House was moved, took the opportunity to wish everyone in the Parliament and Dominica a healthy, prosperous and happy 2024.

The Hon. Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Business, Trade and Energy, Dr. Vince Henderson, seconded by the Hon. Minister for Tourism, Ms. Denise A Charles then moved that the House be adjourned sine die.

The motion was put to the vote and carried.

The Hon. Speaker adjourned the House sine die at 1:25 p.m.

DANIEL JAMES (MR.)
CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Confirmed this day of, 2024

JOSEPH ISAAC (HON.)
SPEAKER