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March 21, 2023	Letter from Karl to MACCE regarding 2020 EIA Report
October 17, 2023	Letter from MACCE (Laure) responding to Karl Mar 21, 2023 EIA report questions.
November ?? 2023	KA reply to MACCE Oct 17 response

Ltr date	Question (Q)/Response (R)
Mar 21, 2023	1. Any approved tree cutting permits. Note that, as earlier established, an old Albizia tree near the Residence was cut down seemingly without a permit, and we trust that an investigation would be launched by the relevant Authorities should that be the case.
Oct 17, 2023	1. Point 1, Page 1 – As was already communicated before, the Albizia tree in question was felled without written approval from the MACCE – Forestry Section. Following investigations, the culprit was found guilty and fined in line with the Breadfruit and Others Act. He paid the fine, following an Out of Court agreement with the Ministry
Nov ???? 2023	Besides the Albizia Tree in question having been illegally cut, the EIA stipulates that each of the trees in or near the area of construction was to be geo-marked and supposedly then authorized for cutting on an individual basis. <u>Could we have the layout plan for these marked trees and receive copies of the permits issued to cut them?</u> Based on photographic evidence, trees that have been cut seem to include dozens or even hundreds. There is also reference in the EIA of trees receiving specific protection as far as potential direct physical construction impact (can we dig out the corresponding reference). We have not noticed any of these devices in the area the public has access to and is able to monitor. TG: I wasn't sure what you were looking for here, so I created a document named "Tree felling protection sections" that contains all tree related protection.

<p>Mar 21, 2023</p>	<p>2. Clarification as to what is meant by ‘authorization of impacting the wetlands’. As per the Seychelles Environmental Protection Act, all Wetlands are considered “Ecologically Sensitive Areas”. Thus, any unauthorized impact to this habitat needs to be given due attention by the relevant Authorities. The attached aerial image shows extensive work/ destruction which has been done in the wetlands area. This includes the development of a new road cutting through the wetlands, dividing the wetlands into isolated sections. The result is that the water now appears to be covered in algae, resulting from lack of water movement and possible pollutants. According to the EIA report, the idea was to create more water flow and, in the process, eliminate any duckweed. There is now more duckweed coverage and standing water than ever before, indicating anoxic conditions for any wildlife within the habitat.</p> <p>The new road from the former heliport area to the road linking to the beach villa cuts the wetland in half and there seems to be no bridge allowing any water exchange or flow taking place. There is no sign that the overflow underneath the main public access road to the beach has been improved and water flowing to the outlet section into the sea. All indications are that, maybe except for some seepage, there is no drainage into the sea at the relevant section of the beach (see attached pictures). There was large-scale digging up of the wetland core and the corresponding cutting of the trees. As of the end of February, there were still excavators supposedly working on reclaiming sections (see picture).</p> <p>Overall, this is now a totally altered ecosystem as far as what one can visually determine from the main access road and there is little doubt that these changes have drastically impacted the functionality of the system.</p> <p><u>Therefore, what specifically was approved and how much monitoring and auditing of the modifications were carried out?</u></p>
<p>Oct 17, 2023</p>	<p>2. Point 2, Page 2 – A Rehabilitation and Management Plan for the wetland was approved in January 2022. It is important to note that prior to this approval the wetland was not being managed. Since approval was granted the appointed Environment Officer has monitored the progress of the wetland rehabilitation, together with officers from the Ministry. The Wetland rehabilitation works is still ongoing and, therefore, no auditing of modifications has been carried out. Once rehabilitation is completed the developer will implement the Wetland Management Plan.</p>
<p>Nov ???? 2023</p>	<p>Despite this Rehabilitation and Management Plan for the wetlands being listed as an appendix to your original response, we could not find any of the four items referenced in your letter of Oct. 17th 2023. The EIA, we received earlier, but <u>could you send the outstanding ones?</u></p> <p>As far as the Environment officer is concerned, having tried unsuccessfully to communicate with him in the past <u>would you provide a copy of his CV/qualifications and his specific job description for monitoring this project?</u></p>

Mar 21, 2023	<p>Executive Summary</p> <p>The Executive Summary states: <i>“use the existing footprint of the resort and limit new buildings to the minimum. This will ensure minimal disruption of the biophysical environment.”</i> In the meantime, clearly all the existing foundations seem to have doubled in size creating at least twice the original footprint. The main public area now seems to have grown to three stories up from two stories (the light pollution will have an impact on turtles coming in for egg laying at night, as well as any hatchlings emerging from nests). It is to be noted that most if not all the turtles that are nesting there are hawksbill turtles, listed under IUCN as Critically Endangered. Some villas have grown to two stories, the five-bedroom presidential villa is about three times the size of the former two-bedroom villas. New villas have been added to the north in the area of the former tennis court. <u>How was the increased footprint authorized?</u></p>
Oct 17, 2023	<p>3. Page 3 “How was the increased footprint authorized?” – Please liaise with the Seychelles Planning Authority.</p>
Nov ?? 2023	<p>As you will have noticed, our original request under the 2018 Access to Information Act was copied to the Planning department of the relevant Ministry. No response has been received. The same for the new communication tower near the Residence. There have been several such requests and based on legal advice we are now considering requesting a judicial review of all the unanswered requests.</p>
Mar 21, 2023	<p>Executive Summary. Regarding alternatives, we are told that the double story Beach villas to the north of the Main Lodge were revised to reduce the footprint and impact on the beach. <u>Based on visual results so far, was this alternative implemented?</u> The villa footprint appears bigger than the original.</p> <p>Also, some now have a second floor which will result in light pollution - which will probably impact the turtle movements along this stretch of the beach as well. Considerable clearing of mangroves and other beach vegetation has taken place in front of some of these beach villas (see attached images).</p> <p>It states that the Reception building was removed from the Main lodge: <i>“This reduces the footprint of the Main lodge as well as the need for earthworks and retaining structures at the road side of the main lodge.”</i> Based on aerial images, indications are that the reverse has taken place - the footprint seems to have doubled. If the new additional third level of the building (with the imposing roof) is taken into consideration, the visual impact is drastically magnified – whereas the original Banyan Tree shingled roof and structure fit into the landscape. The front of the Main lodge now has a structure of boulders that creates a total barrier to walk to the end of the beach during high or close to high tide conditions (without walking deep in water and being hit by waves).</p>

Mar 21, 2023	<p>Page 22</p> <p>Item 2.2.2.4 discusses Alternatives to the proposed wetland modification (with access to the site very limited it has been very difficult to establish the latest developments). It states “<i>Existing islands within the wetland to remain. The islands will be rehabilitated - invasive plant species will be removed and local native species will be reintroduced</i>” (as referenced earlier, there was a statement establishing that the existing wetlands consisted to 70% of native species).</p> <p><u>Could a before and after map be provided establishing what islands remain? What islands were created with extensive excavation work?</u></p> <p>There seems to be a new road from the main construction storage area, on the old parking lot, across the wetland to the back of the beach villa road. <u>What invasive species were removed and what indigenous species were planted into these areas?</u></p>
Oct 17, 2023	<p>4. Page 3 “Could a before and after map be provided establishing what islands remain? What islands were created with extensive excavation work?” – Please see maps in ‘Rehabilitation and Management PLAN OF THE WETLAND AREA ON THE CHEVAL BLANC HILL VIEW RESORT SITE - 15 December 2021’. The wetland rehabilitation works is still ongoing and as a result the Ministry has no after map. The Ministry is liaising with Project team to implement the wetlands Management Plan.</p>
Nov ??, 2023	<p>In the absence of an “after map” could the ministry <u>provide a “before map”</u>? While in the above paragraph there was referenced to a Jan 2022 Rehabilitation and Master plan for the Wetlands, we now have a reference to an <u>earlier version dated Dec. 2021 could this plan also be provide to allow for comparison?</u></p> <p>I will attach the initial exchange on the tree cutting and the wetland ‘clean out’ which is dated _____</p> <p>It would be interesting to establish if there was a projected ‘after plan’ or if the approach is one of dealing with the end result as “a fait accompli”.</p>
Oct 17, 2023	<p>5. Page 3, “What invasive species were removed and what indigenous species were planted into these areas?” Please refer to ‘Rehabilitation and Management PLAN OF THE WETLAND AREA ON THE CHEVAL BLANC HILL VIEW RESORT SITE - 15 December 2021’ for the list of invasive and indigenous species.</p>
Nov ?? 2023	<p><u>Please provide the Rehabilitation and Management Plans – both of them.</u></p> <p>I am surprised that based on the attached e-mail exchanges dated May 2022 questioning the active ‘management of the wetlands and the tree cutting and the subsequent meeting at the ministry there was now reference to the two different Rehabilitation and Management Plans for the Wetlands being mentioned or provided?</p>

Mar 21, 2023	<p>2.3 referring to Preferred Proposal indicated a reduction of keys from 56 to 53. However, the reality is that approval has been increased to approximately 70 keys and more hill villas having been added. <u>What was the basis for this decision-making process?</u> The overall impact is stated as being less footprint per square meter. <u>Kindly make available the square meter footprint of the original resort with what is being constructed. Including the additional second and third floor villa levels, extensive new five-bedroom owners villa with its own access road linking to the main Police Bay junction?</u> This section claims that there would be fewer swimming pools than previously. <u>Kindly provide the number of pools (formerly and current/anticipated) based on the old and new masterplan/ what has/ will be constructed.</u></p>
Oct 17, 2023	<p>6. Page 3, “What was the basis for this decision-making process?” Please liaise with the Tourism Department and SIB for number of approved rooms.</p>
Nov ?? 2023	<p>SIB confirmed in writing that an oversight was committed by not including the Residence in the room or key count. At this point, we would like to compare the listing in the approved EIA with the current configuration and key count. In other words, we’d like to see all the changes affected on the Master Plans since the Inception Meeting Presentation to the officials of the MEECC.</p>
Oct 17, 2023	<p>7. Pages 3-4, “Kindly make available the square meter footprint of the original resort with what is being constructed. Including the additional second and third floor villa levels, extensive new five-bedroom owners villa with its own access road linking to the main Policy Bay junction?” Please liaise with the Seychelles Planning Authority.</p>
Nov ?? 2023	<p>As per, earlier comments it seems impossible to get an answer out of planning at this stage. However, the original EIA references structures to be added and deleted and the impact on the original footprint of the former Banyan Tree resort. This has clearly drastically changed as construction evolved (although without access to most of the site, that would have to be deduced from aerial photographs). <u>Please provide square meter footprint of the original resort plans with what is being constructed.</u></p>
Oct 17, 2023	<p>8. Page 4 “Kindly provide the number of pools (formerly and current/anticipated) based on the old and new masterplan/ what has/ will be constructed.” Please liaise with the Seychelles Planning Authority.</p>
Nov ?? 2023	<p>The EIA made specific reference to the number of pools in the original layout and the proposed one. Since construction started, more seem to have been added and some have increased in size. As your Ministry is responsible for signing off on the EIA, as well as the EMMP (which seems to establish the policies and procedures based on which the EIA is implemented), it would be reasonable that your offices would have originally signed off on the proposed changes - even before they went to planning. With that in mind, <u>we would like to have a list of authorization by the environmental ministry of all the changes and additions which came after the approving the EIA.</u></p>

Mar 21, 2023	<p>Page 23</p> <p>The statement "Less visually obtrusive specifically if viewed from the sea" is defunct. To date, beach villa foundation sizes has doubled, a second floor has been added to double room beach villas, another floor has been added to the main lodge, the five-bedroom owners villa at the south end gained a floor, rooftops of the hill villas are more conspicuous with the change to flat roofs from steep/pitched.</p> <p>Lastly, there seems to be construction of a new structure next to the old presidential villa pool that can be seen at the end of the beach (at the moment there is a lot of scaffolding) and this will result in a visual impact from the beach or sea which goes far beyond the original resort beach front structures and finishing.</p> <p>The original brief from government to the developers was to come up with a design reflecting traditional and Creole style. <u>Could you make available an overview or details of the traditional and Creole style reflected in the new designs and structures?</u></p>
Oct 17, 2023	<p>9. Page 4 "Could you make available an overview or details of the traditional and Creole style reflected in the new designs and structures?" Please liaise with the Seychelles Planning Authority.</p>
Nov ?? 2023	<p>Again, the stipulations contained in the EIA were approved by your Ministry. <u>What was the original evaluation of the 'Creole Style' of the design? Who and how were the subsequent changes approved by the Ministry?</u></p>
Mar 21, 2023	<p>Page 24</p> <p>Under (q), it states "<i>Owner's Villa Building layout revised to accommodate the existing trees.</i>" At the end of February 2023, there was a lot of chain saw activity in the area of the owners' villa and what could be photographed over the fence indicated large scale cutting of trees (see attached).</p> <p><u>When was this approved and for what reason considering the above supposedly agreed on 'Alternative'?</u></p>
Oct 17, 2023	<p>10. Page 4 "When was this approved and for what reason considering the above supposedly agreed on 'Alternative'?" Please liaise with the Seychelles Planning Authority.</p>
Nov ?? 2023	<p>Again, the Alternative options were listed in the EIA and they refer to the environmental impact. So discussions regarding such alternatives and their potential adoption would most likely have been discussed and be in the domain of your ministry.</p>

Mar 21, 2023	<p>Item 2.4. – <i>“This development also provided an opportunity for further research with respect to the sensitive terrapins and sea turtles as well as numerous endemic wetland species.”</i></p> <p><u>What research has been carried out in the last two years to establish the impact of the construction work and the large new staff housing area at the south end of the wetlands as far as the two terrapin species and the number of hawks bill and green turtles having nested? Can the corresponding data be provided? Are there still nesting sites for the Night Crown Heron with the Intendance wetlands being the only such site in Seychelles.</u></p> <p>If the two types of terrapins were all captured during the recent 'redevelopment' of the wetlands are there any specific images available of all the ones caught and kept in a safe environment prior to reintroduction and what is the present status? As far as the potential pollution from the new temporary staff quarters and the seepage of sewage has it been established what the impact is on the wetland water quality and if it has impacted the terrapins and the rest of the mammals and birdlife?</p>
Oct 17, 2023	<p>11. Pages 4-5 <i>“What research has been carried out in the last two years to establish the impact of the construction work and the large new staff housing area at the south end of the wetlands as far as the two terrapin species and the number of hawks bill and green turtles having nested? Can the corresponding data be provided? Are there still nesting sites for the Night Crown with the Intendance wetlands being the only such site in Seychelles”</i> No research has been carried out and construction works are still ongoing. Please liaise with MCSS for the relevant data.</p>
Nov ?? 2023	<p>This is staggering. We have been informed that up to 700 construction staff members were housed in the new staff housing complex behind the new 'owners villa'. Also, the former Banyan Tree Staff quarters were reactivated and expanded. It appears that the former sewage treatment plant was decommissioned and there was no provision for its proper removal. Clearly, based on the water test results and the above serious impact on fauna and flora in the wetlands had to be expected and could have been monitored and potentially reverse if any corresponding researched had been done. Once again it would be interesting to see the job description and the log (as per the EMPP) maintained by the EO.</p>

Mar 21, 2023	<p>Page 32. Coastal Wetland Management:</p> <p><i>“A) A coastal management plan zone should be incorporated in the EIA report including beach monitoring programs, outline all the issues including the recovery of seaweeds on the beaches and turtle monitoring</i></p> <p><i>B) Consultant to provide details for the beach access for the clients (boardwalks, walkways, decking) ways numbers and lighting proposed according to turtle etiquette.</i></p> <p><i>C) A wetland management plan should be provided for the area with the inventory of the species and methodology for their protection and rehabilitation.”</i></p> <p><u>Kindly make these reports available.</u></p>
Oct 17, 2023	<p>12. Page 5 “Kindly make these reports available.” With regards to coastal management plan, please refer to EIA report and relevant annexes. Details on the beach access for clients are still in discussion. Please refer to ‘Rehabilitation and Management PLAN OF THE WETLAND AREA ON THE CHEVAL BLANC HILL VIEW RESORT SITE - 15 December 2021’ for the wetland management plan.</p>
Nov ?? 2023	<p>We never received any of the attachments which were meant to be part of the EIA. We have already pointed this out on several previous occasions. When the EIA state there should only be two access paths through the beach vegetation for guests what is the reason for further discussion. What is the purpose of the EIA if constant changes then become the norm?</p>
Mar 21, 2023	<p>Page 33 and 34 Information on flora to be provided</p> <p><i>“a) Major species and communities present. (terrestrial and aquatic)</i></p> <p><i>b) The extent of disturbance to the natural vegetation (see attached sat photograph)</i></p> <p><i>c) The number of trees likely to be removed for the development in view that there are a number protected trees present on the site</i></p> <p><i>d) The conservation status of the area especially the wetlands</i></p> <p><i>e) A biosecurity plan must be submitted so as to ensure that Invasive Alien Species are not introduced on site and the surrounding area during the construction phase</i></p> <p><i>f) A rehabilitation re vegetation landscaping plan should be submitted with detailed information on the source from where the plants will be sought?”</i></p> <p><u>Kindly make available these documents/plans.</u></p>
Oct 17, 2023	<p>13. Page 5 “Kindly make available these documents/plans.” Please refer to the ‘EIA REPORT’ folder provided for information on species. Construction is ongoing and information on the extent of the disturbance to the natural vegetation is not available. There is no conservation status for the area or wetland. A landscaping plan has been submitted.</p>

Nov ?? 2023	<p>The EIA refers to a range of annexes and appendices which were never provided (<u>can we dig out there reference to them</u>). If we look at the references to the tree coverage as part of the ‘natural vegetation’, as outlined earlier, based on the EIA, there was meant to be an inventory of all these trees with their specific geolocation and the assumption would be that the subsequent removal would have been based on the specific approval request provided for by the ministry and then signed off by the relevant expert. Could these permits be provided (I believe we have a copy of <u>a blank permit</u> we could attach)</p>
Mar 21, 2023	<p>Page 36 Socio-Economic <i>“b) a detailed house to house survey must be conducted as part of the socio-economic assessment. The report of the survey must be attached as an annex to the report.”</i></p> <p>While later in the report it is stated that my co director in IRL attended an early scoping exercise at Taka Maka community center at the time of the EIA research, kindly note that this is not correct. A friend of Mr. Ammann who he had asked to housesit at the time due to the constant cuts in water and power was asked by him to attend. He did so and reported to him what was discussed at the meeting. Mr. Ammann then presented the attached questionnaire with issues that are still of great relevance today but never received an answer.</p> <p><i>“g) Investigate possible conflicts with neighbors and ensure the proposed development does not affect the livelihood of the neighborhood of the overall community.”</i></p> <p>In the context of Residence on the Rocks, situated in the middle of this development, it was approved and licensed as a rental property and we have detailed requests of over 100 booking requests for the last two years which had to be declined with no revenue of any kind. Instead of assisting, the developer cut the Wi-Fi cable, the phone lines and TV cable. There was no water supply for months and power off and on many days and the property marginally habitable.</p> <p>From the moment the new developer entered the site any security staff visits to the residential area where the Residence is located stopped, the cleaning of the main access road to the residential component, the water tanks as well as the new communication tower totally stopped and the Residence staff had to try to keep the road passable on some occasions, when trees fell on the road access it was totally blocked, and we had to call a contractor from Anse Royal to come with a chainsaw to remove the tree.</p>
Oct 17, 2023	<p>14. Page 6 Socio-Economic – Please refer to EIA report and relevant annexes</p>
Nov ?? 2023	<p>Despite requesting the appendices and annexes to the EIA they were not provided with the original copy (<u>Document 1, Document 2</u>) and subsequent requests did not yield any results. <u>Could they be provided?</u></p>

Mar 21, 2023	<p>Page 59 Occupancy Phase <i>"The Environment Management Plan (EMP) should cover for the construction and operation phases of the project. It should specifically detail all proposed environment monitoring to be undertaken in liaison with the respective authorities It should also provide the necessary auditing methods/template of forms for this as of the environmental impact monitoring to be done."</i></p> <p>Considering the stipulations in this report and the observations on the ground the question arises how much of this auditing and monitoring was done and in what ways were the discrepancies of the original stipulation and the present status justified and signed off on. <u>Kindly provide a copy of these reports.</u></p>
Oct 17, 2023	<p>15. Page 7 "Kindly provide a copy of these reports" Please liaise with the EO (ECO SOL –</p>
Nov ?? 2023	<p>As before, we have tried to communicate with the EO before with no luck.</p>
Mar 21, 2023	<p>Page 47 <i>"b) Wetland management plan should be provided for the area with an inventory of the species and methodology of their protection and rehabilitation. Covered in the Terrestrial and Wetland Management Rehabilitation Plan as compiled by Dr. Elvina Henriette."</i></p> <p><u>Kindly provide us with a copy of this plan.</u></p>
Oct 17, 2023	<p>16. Page 7 "Kindly provide us with a copy of this plan." Please refer to 'EIA REPORT'</p>
Nov ?? 2023	<p>The copy of the EIA report we were presented with does not have this Specialist report with the relevant tree inventory. <u>Please provide a copy of the Specialist report.</u></p>
Mar 21, 2023	<p>Page 48 under Visual Impact <i>"The specialist consultants also did an overall view from Drone imagery of the headlands and coastal frontage. With the setback from the coastal zone now increased, (With respect, this is contrary to the initial sanctions and what present drone images depict) and the proposed rehabilitation of the buffer coastal vegetation we are meeting to needs for blending into nature"</i></p> <p><u>Are these drone images available and can they be compared with what has transpired on the ground so far?</u></p>

Oct 17, 2023	17. Page 7 “Are these drone images available and can they be completed with what has transpired on the ground so far?” Please liaise with the EO or Project management team – Advantage
Nov ?? 2023	As before, the EO and Advantage seem to have restrictions which might be covered by NDAs.
Mar 21, 2023	Page 50 Item c) states <i>“The Specialists reports further contain a comprehensive list of the tree species and associated status.”</i> It also seems to contain GPS positions for all the trees originally located on the project site and as such it would be important to try to establish to what extent the cutting criteria has been adhered to (especially of the context of IRL being told by the ministry that the cutting of the very large Albizia tree near the Residence was done without special written permission as is meant to be the policy)? <u>Could we have a copy of the Specialists report?</u>
Oct 17, 2023	18. Page 7 “Could we have a copy of the specialist report” – Please refer to ‘EIA REPORT’
Nov ?? 2023	This specialist report does not appear to be part of the EIA copy we were sent <u>can you resend or pinpoint the page where we can find it?</u>
Mar 21, 2023	Page 51 Item c) <i>“All tree species within the development alignment and intended villa locations were inventoried and mapped by taking a GPS point”</i> <u>Could the corresponding map be provided?</u>
Oct 17, 2023	19. Page 7 “Could the corresponding map to be provided?” Please refer to ‘EIA REPORT’
Nov ?? 2023	The same here considering the amounts of trees having been felled compared to the EIA stipulations we feel strongly having this map to be able to compare the corresponding changes on the ground. <u>Please provide the map.</u>
Mar 21, 2023	Page 55-56 Under Socio Economic impacts: <i>“A detailed house to house survey must be conducted as part of the socio-economic assessment. The report of the survey must be attached as annex to the report.”</i> <u>We are not aware of anybody ever having showed up at the Residence - with or without consent - to conduct such a survey and such would welcome a copy of the report in question.</u>

Oct 17, 2023	<p>20. Page 8 “We are not aware of anybody ever having showed up at the Residence – with or without consent – to conduct such a survey and such would welcome a copy of the report in question.” Please refer to ‘EIA REPORT’ and relevant annexes included.</p>
Nov ?? 2023	<p>As outlined earlier we sent a representative to the community hall at Taka Maka to ask some relevant questions in the context of the original scoping exercise. Attached is the report we submitted. That was well before any construction started and we did not receive any kind of response. During the construction, when the full impact on life quality for any stay at the Residence became clear, there was no further attempt to interact with anybody from the ministry or the project management. It would appear that is what the EIA stipulates. (Let’s attach <u>scoping report</u>)</p>
Mar 21, 2023	<p>Page 64 Under item 4.2. “...renovating and upgrade it to world class standards and present this as a means to attract tourists to the country. The objective is to progress the renovation as quickly as possible in order to start offering again work opportunities to the local population by taking advantage of the “slump”...”.”</p> <p>Originally there was a proposal to upgrade and renovate the existing resort in two phases. Then it was decided to do a total rebuild with demolition of pretty much every existing building, the foundation footprint now more than double of the existing resort and the sections of the forest having and being turned into much more of a more massed concrete jungle, especially along the beach front of the property. The projected opening of the resort was advertised to be July 2022. Now, more than a year later, all indications point to an additional delay of maybe 18 months from July 2022 as such almost doubling the construction period. A lot of these delays seem to have to do with the constant change in plans and lack of coordination in terms of decision making by HVRSL.</p> <p>There has been reference to some 1000 people no working on site. <u>How many of them at this point are Seychellois?</u></p>
Oct 17, 2023	<p>21. Page 8 “How many of them at this point are Seychellois?” Please liaise with the relevant Ministry</p>
Nov ?? 2023	<p>The landscaping company seems to have hired some casual from the area to deal with landscaping issues. Overall, maybe 1 % of the overall workforce.</p>
Mar 21, 2023	<p>Under 4.3 Project description: “to use the existing footprint of the resort and limit new buildings to a minimum.” The resort had 60 villas (which included Residence on the Rocks which was licensed under the corresponding hotel license). The proposal is to reduce this to 53 ultra-high end private villas.</p> <p><u>Could we be provided by the final approved numbers and keys, the number of guest rooms as compared to the original resort?</u></p>

Oct 17, 2023	22. Page 8 “Could we be provided by the final approved numbers and keys, the number of guest rooms as compared to the original resort?” Please liaise with the Tourism Department and the Seychelles Planning Authority
Nov ?? 2023	We have liaised and were informed that an oversight has occurred and that the Residence has not been included in the key count as in the past hotel license for the BT resort. We have not been able to get any confirmation that attempts were to be made to rectify this ‘oversight’. <u>Has the “oversight” been corrected? Could you please verify with solid evidence?</u>
Mar 21, 2023	<p>Page 85 4.8.1.1 Working and noise <i>“Nuisance by reason of smell, dirt and dust to any adjoining property will be minimized.”</i></p> <p><u>Specifically what measures were taken in the context of Residence on the Rocks particularly in the context of heavy equipment being used for the demolition and rebuild of the two hill villas nearby? And the new villas below in front of the former tennis court?</u> Several times we filmed and recorded loud noise levels going on for days.</p> <p><i>“Noise monitoring shall be conducted periodically to assess and monitor noise emission levels.”</i> <u>Are there any specific records of this having been done and corrective measures taken?</u></p>
Oct 17, 2023	23. Page 8 “Specifically what measures were taken in the context of Residence on the Rocks particularly in the context of heavy equipment being used for the demolition and rebuild of the two hill villas nearby? And the new villas below in front of the former tennis court?” Working hours were given to minimise the impact of noise.
Nov ?? 2023	<u>How was the monitoring of the working hours done?</u>
Oct 17, 2023	24. Page 9 “Are there any specific records of this having been done and corrective measures taken?” This was not done
Nov ?? 2023	<u>Why not?</u> What is the point of having an EIA when items then get totally ignored?

Mar 21, 2023	<p>4.8.12 <i>"Damage to vegetation, streams, rivers, marshland roadside drains (they have not been cleaned up to the residential areas since the developer moved on site), ocean, wells, boreholes etc. will be avoided or minimized."</i></p> <p>Considering the ploughing up of all the key wetland areas leaving them in a very different state from the functional ecosystem they used to represent, the question arises as to what exactly the required 'Method Statement' was detailing in terms of activities, the equipment used, the manpower used and any potential negative impact? <u>Can these documents be provided?</u></p>
Oct 17, 2023	<p>25. Page 9 "Can these documents be provided?" Please refer to 'METHOD OF STATEMENT FOR CBS'</p>
Nov ?? 2023	<p><u>Can you pinpoint where this method statement can be found?</u></p>

<p>Mar 21, 2023</p>	<p>Page 89 4.9.2 Water <i>“The entire site is serviced by two Reverse Osmosis treatment plants inside the main lodge building.”</i></p> <p>After HVRSL gave IRL (the owning company of Residence on the Rocks) notice that they would terminate all services including water and power supply, IRL had to obtain a court injunction to stop HVRSL from ceasing the infrastructure supply - WIFI, phone and TV connection was cut anyway with no specific notice given and required a new contract and cable installation by C&W.</p> <p>The PUC power supply was retained although the existing generators were decommissioned, and long power cuts became a regular issue. The water supply was not restored even with an injunction and required a contempt of court ruling. Finally, after some six months of constant supply via bowsers (which could only get up the hill with half a load due to the condition of this access road) was reinstated.</p> <p>At the end of 2022, water supply again stopped for weeks. A South African project manager explained to us that they did not receive enough water from PUC for their construction needs and as such there was no supply to be directed to the Residence (in contravention of the injunction and contempt of court order). He explained that the two existing desalination plants at the main back of the house structure, opposite the car park, had been dismantled very early on since they would be in the way of the new construction later on during the redevelopment.</p> <p><u>Was there any information provided to the ministry, PUC on this restructuring of the water supply?</u></p> <p>On page 90 the report states: <i>“The new RO plant will be the main water supply for the entire site with PUC supply as back up.”</i> <u>Are there any new RO plants active? If not when will this be the case?</u></p>
<p>Oct 17, 2023</p>	<p>26. Page 9 “Was there any information provided to the ministry, PUC on this restructuring of the water supply?” The Ministry has not been informed of any restructuring of the water supply.</p>
<p>Nov ?? 2023</p>	<p>Considering that the Residence has regularly been without water supply in the past despite corresponding court injunction, <u>can the latest status be provided regarding the restructuring of the water supply?</u></p>
<p>Oct 17, 2023</p>	<p>27. Page 10 “Are there any new RO plants active? If not when will this be the case?” Construction of the hotel is still ongoing</p>

Nov ?? 2023	However, with some 700 staff having lived on site for years now, it is likely more than there will ever be guests at the resort, plus now all the new villa swimming pools being filled up this would have required specific planning. <u>When will the new RO plants become active?</u>
Mar 21, 2023	<p>Page 102 <i>"The highly sensitive areas on the site include:</i> i. <i>The freshwater marsh within the major wetland where KBA and environmental indicator species were regularly observed,</i> ii. <i>the native beach crest which is a habitat important for 2 species of IUCN red listing turtles (Green turtle and the Hawksbill)"</i></p> <p><u>Are there records of these environmental indicator species still being observed? What are the records of the two red listed turtles having come in to lay eggs during the construction period? In the past these nest sites would be marked, and tourists warned not to disturb them. Has this continued in any form?</u></p>
Oct 17, 2023	<p>28. Page 10 "Are there records of these environmental indicator species still being observed? What are the records of the two red listed turtles having come in to lay eggs during the construction period? In the past these nest sites would be marked, and tourists warned to not disturb them. Has this continued in any form?" Please liaise with MCSS</p>
Nov ?? 2023	So far MCSS has not responded to having received this question list - with the items which the ministry feels they should be able to respond to? TG: needs clarification/question or request for action.
Mar 21, 2023	<p>Page 108 6.1.6.2 <i>"Major impacts would have been expected on the beach crest and part of the wetland targeted for back filling for buggy access. However, with critical wetlands surveys and proof of sensitive biodiversity niches therein, the developer has cancelled this reclamation opting instead for elevated pillar-based road which would integrate into the wetlands and allow for flow, circulation and flora, fauna growth therein."</i></p> <p>At the moment, none of these elevated walkways can be seen from aerial images. The wetland is now divided into two sections by a new road which does not seem to include any bridge to allow water circulation below. The northern pond now seems to be totally cut off and covered with duck weed. The rest of the wetlands have to be drastically 'cleaned out' removing a high percentage of vegetation (supposedly over 70% was indigenous) so there is drastically less flora and the chance is high that this would have equally impacted the fauna.</p>

Mar 21, 2023	<p>Page 115 6.2.2 Nesting Sea Turtles</p> <p>This heading is actually wrong since this chapter deals with two types of endemic freshwater terrapins for which this Intendance wetland is one of the key remaining strongholds. It refers to the MCSS Intendance terrapin database stating that there are an estimated 123 yellow bellied terrapins and 170 Black Mud terrapins in this ecosystem, This appears to include 63 individuals which were relocated from Anse Royale to Intendance (no date given). The report then goes on to state: “..these 63 individuals were not captured before the closing of the Banyan Tree and Wildlife Conservation and Rehabilitation Centre, and their recapture and translocation are subject to discussion with said ministry.”</p> <p><u>Were the new owners/directors asked to keep this Wildlife Conservation and Rehabilitation Center open?</u> Clearly the impending construction work would provide for an even more crucial background to have such a set up on site. <u>What exchanges took place with the new owners and the project management in the context of these terrapins?</u></p> <p>In the next paragraph: “Given the drastic reduction in the extent and function of freshwater wetlands in Seychelles, the Intendance wetland plays a vital role as one of the largest remaining intact wetland areas, providing critical habitat to both terrapin populations.”</p> <p>As of Sunday February 19th, there were still two excavators working in front of what used to be the old Creole restaurant and all indications were that more filling in and increasing reclaimed areas was the objective (see pictures)</p>
Oct 17, 2023	<p>29. Page 11 “Were the new owners/directors asked to keep this Wildlife Conservation and Rehabilitation Center open?” Please liaise with MCSS</p>
Nov ?? 2023	<p>So far MCSS has not responded to having received this question list - with the items which the ministry feels they should be able to respond to? TG: needs clarification/question or request for action.</p>
Oct 17, 2023	<p>30. Page 11 “What exchanges took place with the new owners and the project management in the context of these terrapins?” Please liaise with MCSS</p>
Nov ?? 2023	<p>So far MCSS has not responded to having received this question list - with the items which the ministry feels they should be able to respond to? TG: needs clarification/question or request for action.</p>
Mar 21, 2023	<p>Page 119</p> <p>Discusses the ecosystem services provided by the remaining wetlands in Seychelles. Filtering the water which is meant to flow out into the sea and not being harmful to coral reefs.</p> <p><u>What is the chance that in high water condition with much rain fall there will be overflow from the wetland into the sea including all these weed and algae which now covers most of the stagnant water sections? What might be the impact on the reef?</u></p>

Oct 17, 2023	<p>31. Page 11 <i>“What is the chance that in high water condition with much rain fall there will be overflow from the wetland into the sea including all these weed and algae which now covers most of the stagnant water sections ? What might be the impact on the reef?”</i> Overflow always flows out to see this is a natural process. No study has been done on potential impacts to reefs. <i>This is happening all over the island where there is an outlet. It will be taken care of during the rainy season to flush out the stagnant water and also during the implementation of the Wetlands Management Plan.</i></p>
Nov ?? 2023	<p>There was heavy rain in September and October with no sign of overflow from the main body of the wetland to overflow via the special drain channel underneath the beach access road. <u>Is there any data on the inflow from the natural uphill river system and if it is still active?</u> With the creek having been stagnant for weeks and covered with duck weed, the contractor ended up bulldozing a channel through the beach crest to achieve some outflow. Except of course, the wave action this caused then brought the sand back and blocked the outlet again. No effort seems to have been made to construct a permanent such outlet feature. <u>Are there any plans to construct a permanent overflow outlet?</u></p>
Mar 21, 2023	<p>Page 119 Invasive Alien Species The water Hyacinths are listed as a major such invasive aquatic plants. They exist in some of the ponds near the rock foundation to the north of the main access pond. As of the end of February, no cleaning out has taken place while large wetland sections on the other side of the road (which was said to hold 70% indigenous species) has been all dug up with new island dividers created, the new road and a very high percentage of the vegetation removed.</p> <p><u>If the Hyacinths and Duck weed are the key invasive species, why were they not dealt with, eradicated? Why was the wetland with 70% indigenous species torn up? (see images)</u></p>
Oct 17, 2023	<p>32. Page 11<i>“If the Hyacinths and Duck weed are the key invasive species, why were they not dealt with, eradicated? Why was the wetland with 70% indigenous species torn up?”</i> The wetland rehabilitation works are ongoing. It was part of the rehabilitation to remove most of the ferns that were choking the wetlands. However, in the Wetlands Management Plan there will be some restoration works to be carried out.</p>
Nov ?? 2023	<p>As above, <u>would welcome a copy of the Wetland Management Plan, hopefully with a corresponding time table of the work done and planned down the line?</u></p>

Mar 21, 2023	<p>Page 155 6.8.2 Proposed architecture <i>“A contemporary interpretation of the Creole Style which makes us of strong colonial influences and the architecture of the Seychelles.”</i></p> <p>While the design of the previous resort reflected the above approach, the new hill and beach villas could be pretty much located in any tropical setting on the planet.</p> <p><u>Where does the Creole and Colonial styles comes into this development? Was this really an initial condition to get planning permission approval? What discussions took place and who approved this “contemporary interpretation”?</u></p>
Oct 17, 2023	<p>33. Page 12 “Where does the Creole and Colonial styles comes into this development? Was this really an initial condition to get planning permission approval? What discussions took place and who approved this “contemporary interpretation”?” Please liaise with Seychelles Planning Authority</p>
Nov ?? 2023	<p>Again, having never had any response from Planning despite a range of requests under the Access of Information Act, the implementation of the EIA was in the hands of your Ministry and corresponding discussions regarding design amendments and new approvals during the construction period must have taken place.</p>
Mar 21, 2023	<p>Page 158 7.1 Introduction <i>“Specialist studies have been identified and undertaken by qualified and reputable specialists in the field”</i></p> <p><u>Based on the spread of the Duck weed and algae bloom in the wetland section, was there any “water sampling and laboratory testing” of wetland water done at the beginning of the project to this point in time to compare and establish if the large new staff quarters and the resulting sewage treatment are impacting nutrients in the water in the wetland?</u></p> <p>The same would be interesting to see for Hydrology and Surface Flow Regime considering there appear to be more standing pools of water today than at any time in the past decade?</p>
Oct 17, 2023	<p>34. Page 12 “Based on the spread of the Duck weed and algae bloom in the wetland section, was there any “water sampling and laboratory testing” of wetland water done at the beginning of the project to this point in time to compare and establish if the large new staff quarters and the resulting sewage treatment are impacting nutrients in the water in the wetland?” No sampling and testing was done at the beginning of the project. This will be done prior to the implementation of the Wetlands Management Plan and continue periodically.</p>

Nov ?? 2023	The Wetland Management Plan must have been in place when the first excavators moved into the wetlands to supposedly start de-silting it. That would have been some 18 months ago. Once it became clear that most effluent from the staff quarters ended up in the wetlands, it became toxic for fauna and flora as well as humans working in it. <u>Why was no action taken (Except for the A 4-size sign nailed do a tree stating No swimming)?</u>
Mar 21, 2023	<p>Page 159 7.2.1 Reducing impact to the beach crest</p> <p><i>“Low cost boardwalks over the beach crest could be built to prevent, trampling, erosion and hence keep the crest intact.</i></p> <p><i>Beach access for each villa should not be allowed. Instead, a single access for a cluster of villas is more ecofriendly.”</i></p> <p><u>Is this boardwalk still being considered? It would appear to be about the only way the original sanctions could be complied with of giving guests and the public access along the whole of the beach front but with the beach crest and the corresponding vegetation forming the border as far as high tide levels, an elevated board walk behind the crucial first line mangrove belt might be an appropriate solution?</u> However it might affect the privacy level of the villas now located within meters of the mangrove belt and the high tide levels.</p>
Oct 17, 2023	<p>35. Page 13 “Is this boardwalk still being considered? It would appear to be about the only way the original sanctions could be complied with of giving guests and the public access along the whole of the beach front but with the beach crest and the corresponding vegetation forming the border as far as high tide levels, an elevated board walk behind the crucial first line mangrove belt might be an appropriate solution?” Guests’ beach access is still being discussed.</p>
Nov ?? 2023	This question did not refer to the beach access for guests where there is a stipulation of two of them in the EIA. This question relates to the EIA stipulated boardwalk providing access to the beach villas. It seems the wetland embankments are no longer in the form of the original natural shorelines but have been reinforced by concrete/stone embankments. This is another aspect of the landscaping of these wetlands and it may be counterproductive as far as being retained as a functional ecosystem. <u>How many boardwalks will be completed?</u>

Mar 21, 2023	<p>Page 160 7.3.1 Wetland <i>“No development works should take place in the wetland and a protection buffer zone should be delineated.”</i></p> <p><u>On what basis was the new road from the old car park (which now houses the project offices and workshops) to the back of the beach villas got classified as 'no development'?</u> It seems to have created a totally new structure to this part of the wetland creating a stagnant pool. The old access road run along the hill side up to the front entrance of the public area of the Banyan Tree and it still seems to survive. <u>Why was this road not kept as the main access road since it did not infringe on the wetlands?</u></p> <p><u>Is there a possibility to monitor some of these developments on the ground (in some areas new barriers have been put up along the main hill access road to prevent anybody from using existing junctions)?</u></p> <p>Including the earlier mentioned excavators still working and backfilling areas of the wetland on a recent Sunday afternoon (with the original stipulations indicating that there would be no work on Sundays. (see images).</p> <p><i>“If wetland rehabilitation work is to be carried out, all terrapins must first be trapped and translocated to a suitable temporary habitat in order to mitigate again any potential disturbance of or harm to the terrapins,..”</i></p> <p><u>Since large scale 'rehabilitation work' has now been carried out and we have gone through the designated capture season (December to March), how many of the two types of terrapins have been trapped? Where are they held now? Are there any pictures available? Who carried out this operation and who could answer additional questions?</u></p>
Oct 17, 2023	<p>36. Page 13 “On what basis was the new road from the old car park (which now houses the project offices and workshops) to the back of the beach villas got classified as 'no development'?” Work has been undertaken on the access from carpark and beach villas to improve water flow.</p>
Nov ?? 2023	<p>The original walkway from that area to the back of the beach villa had a bridge with corresponding water flow and exchange. This now seems a solid motorable road as the main access to the beach villas. So at this point it would have achieved the opposite of improving water flow. <u>So, the question is, what was the basis for this decision/why was this decided?</u> Not, what is being executed.</p>
Oct 17, 2023	<p>37. Page 13 “Why was this road not kept as the main access road since it did not infringe on the wetlands?” This question is unclear. Which road is on the wetlands?</p>

Nov ?? 2023	The same road being discussed in response #36. It used to be a walkway from the old car park to the area behind the beach villas with the main access road along the northern edge of the wetlands leading to the reception. See attached picture showing the new motorable road through the wetland dividing it into two sections.
Oct 17, 2023	38. Page 13 “Is there a possibility to monitor some of these developments on the ground (in some areas new barriers have been put up along the main hill access road to prevent anybody from using existing junctions)?” Please liaise with the developer.
Nov ?? 2023	In contravention of some of the stipulations in the EIA, it has been impossible to get any kind of dialogue going with the developer on any of these issues. The developer does not liaise. Many past efforts have failed. Ministers have told us: “they do not talk to us either”. <u>So, could you please answer the question?</u>
Oct 17, 2023	39. Page 13 “Since large scale 'rehabilitation work' has now been carried out and we have gone through the designated capture season (December to March), how many of the two types of terrapins have been trapped? Where are they held now? Are there any pictures available? Who carried out this operation and who could answer additional questions?” Please liaise with the EO. Most of the work in the wetlands was carried out manually, as a precaution, so as not to disturb much of the terrapins’ habitat. However, the trapping of terrapins is still being done periodically.
Nov ?? 2023	<u>Any feedback on the above question? How many were captured, relocated and where to? Where can they be inspected? Based on the current noxious water quality in the wetlands, there is serious doubt that any of the terrapins could have survived.</u>

Mar 21, 2023	<p>7.3.2 Beach</p> <p><i>"Ideally all demolition and renovation of the infrastructure near or along the beach should take place outside the Hawksbill nesting season (October to March)."</i></p> <p>Witnesses have reported seeing Hawksbill turtles trying to dig under or through the green-mesh fencing which was installed just behind the beach crest at the start of the demolition and construction period.</p> <p><i>"It is recommended that a barrier is erected for the mitigation of noise, debris and anthropogenic disturbance to nesting turtles, as far back on the beach as possible, well behind the vegetation and high water mark".</i></p> <p><u>To what extent has there been adherence to this stipulation?</u></p> <p>At the northern end of the beach, this fencing is pretty much on the level of the high-water mark. This area has been identified as a key section (least disturbance in the past) as far as turtles digging out their nesting sites.</p> <p><i>'No Artificial light should be visible from the beach.'</i></p> <p>With “the front of the house” having additional structures, the beach and owners villa have been drastically expanded as far as the foundation footprint. There is now an additional story level to this main front of the house area and a second level to villas further down the beach and the owners villa – in essence, more windows and artificial light.</p> <p><u>What will be done to deal with the corresponding impact on nesting and hatching sites and the potential of hatchlings moving towards the light than out to sea?</u></p>
Oct 17, 2023	<p>40. Page 14 “To what extent has there been adherence to this stipulation?” Hoarding has been placed along the beach front</p>
Nov ??, 2023	<p><u>Can images be provided of this hording along the beach front?</u></p>
Oct 17, 2023	<p>41. Page 14 “What will be done to deal with the corresponding impact on nesting and hatching sites and the potential of hatchlings moving towards the light than out to sea?” The developer is to follow guidelines as set out in ‘2004 Mortimer- Lighting Guidelines’</p>

Mar 21, 2023	<p>As per page162 7.3.5 Promotion of biodiversity <i>"..only turtle-friendly lights should be used in these areas, and ONLY outside of the nesting season, while internal lights should be minimized with the use of curtains and/or blinds."</i></p> <p><u>Will guest on the new upper floors of these structures been sensitized to these needs and how?</u></p>
Oct 17, 2023	<p>42. Page 14 "Will guest on the new upper floors of these structures been sensitized to these needs and how?" Please liaise with developer.</p>
Nov ??, 2023	<p>The developer does not liaise. Many past efforts have failed. Ministers have told us: "they do not talk to us either".</p>
Mar 21, 2023	<p>Page 173 Wetlands Flow Management <i>"The wetland consist of only 1 sea outfall outlet which is found at the start of the Intendance beach. The outlet is constantly blocked as a result of beach sand intrusion and accumulation. In order the optimize the flow at the outlet it is recommended that a raised sluice gate system be installed such that same can be operated manually."</i></p> <p>The attached picture shows that at some time there seems to have been plans to construct a drainage system into the sea. It does not seem to be operational and has not been operational since it was introduced. There is no sign of the manually operated sluice gate. <u>Is this still being planned and when will the work be done?</u></p> <p>In this context, there is also the main access road to the beach parking lot and while there seems some underpass duct to get the wetland water from the larger are on the north of the road to the southern part and the outlet to the sea, there seems no flow and no work having been done to improve the flow level at this point.</p>
Oct 17, 2023	<p>43. Page 14 "Is this still being planned and when will the work be done?" After rehabilitation, works have been completed.</p>
Mar 21, 2023	<p>Page 178 Land take Mitigation measures: <i>"Those living along the access road will require sensitization and awareness about the project, the construction timeframe as well as any grievance mechanism implemented for complaints."</i></p> <p>Despite officially asking via the lawyers and directors to get an estimate on the latest estimates for the opening of the Cheval Blanc resort there have been no answers of any kind. <u>Can the developer be encouraged to adhere to the basic stipulations of the Environmental Impact Assessment report?</u></p>

Oct 17, 2023	<p>44. Page 15 “Can the developer be encouraged to adhere to the basic stipulations of the Environmental Impact Assessment report?” Please liaise with the developer with regards to an estimate for the opening of the Cheval Blanc resort.</p>
Mar 21, 2023	<p>Page 186 Item 4 Turtle nesting <i>“A vegetation buffer between the beach and villa area will be maintained to provide sufficient conducive and protected turtle nesting zones for continuous turtle nesting and egg hatching activities ”</i></p> <p><u>Has any monitoring been done? Any record keeping of these turtle activities in the last two years and compared to earlier data?</u> Based on the attached image, the original vegetation belt in front of some of the villas seems to have been shrinking further.</p>
Oct 17, 2023	<p>45. Page 15 “Has any monitoring been done? Any record keeping of these turtle activities in the last two years and compared to earlier data?” The Ministry conducts annual monitoring as the beach is a key nesting area for the sea turtles. MCSS can also provide more accurate data as they are actively monitoring the site.</p>
Nov ?? 2023	<p><u>Can the Ministry’s data be provided?</u></p>
Mar 21, 2023	<p>Page 189 8.3.3. Wetland Mitigation measures <i>“NO RECLAMATION/BACKFILL to be allowed in the Wetlands.”</i></p> <p><u>What about the new road through and dividing the wetland and the earlier mentioned excavators working on a Sunday afternoon outside the former Creole restaurant. From distance it is appearing to fill in a section of wetland?</u></p> <p><i>“Trap and relocate all the terrapin in wetland blocking section of marsh into individual ponds with overflow pipes to allow continuous flow of wetland. Temporarily relocate terrapin into turtle house. Wetland marsh shall then be provided with sufficient time to settle to allow water clearance suitable for terrapin and other wetland species to safely survive before relocating them back into the wetland.”</i></p> <p><u>Does the central top building in the photograph attached still function as the turtle house? Where would the wetland marsh be provided while the water in the main wetland clears (it seems to be that is what is implied)? Has the reintroduction taken place? If not, when will it take place? Would it be possible to get an invitation for it?</u></p>

Oct 17, 2023	<p>46. Page 15 “What about the new road through and dividing the wetland and the earlier mentioned excavators working on a Sunday afternoon outside the former Creole restaurant.” It is unclear which new road is being referred to. Excavators were used to desilt the wetland. There is no new road through the wetlands. Temporary causeways were created to allow the excavator to manoeuvre within the wetland and these have been removed in sections of the wetland where works have been completed. The existing walkway that leads to the “Chez Lamare” restaurant is going to be removed which will increase space in the wetlands.</p>
Nov ?? 2023	<p>This walkway has now been turned into the main access road for all construction equipment going to the south end of the project. The existing walkway is now being used as the main access road for the last two years dividing the wetland in two with water circulation. <u>How has this impacted the ecosystem as a whole?</u></p>
Oct 17, 2023	<p>47. Page 15 “Does the central top building in the photograph attached still function as the turtle house? Where would the wetland marsh be provided while the water in the main wetland clears (it seems to be that is what is implied)? Has the reintroduction taken place? If not, when will it take place? Would it be possible to get an invitation for it?” Please liaise with EO and Atvantage</p>
Nov ?? 2023	<p><u>Again, in what form do you suggest we liaise with the EO and Atvantage considering that it has been close to impossible to even deal with key infrastructure issues such as water, power supply, phone and data connection?</u></p>
Mar 21, 2023	<p>Page 209, Architectural Style We were not aware of the existence of this EIA report until very recently. It was never offered as part of any exchanges with the officials concerned. Still, none of the Appendices are attached including the one (annexure U Visual Assessment.) it would indeed be interesting to know how the proposed style has been grounded in local Creole Architecture. <u>Could you provide all the Appendices which went with this report to allow a review?</u></p>
Oct 17, 2023	<p>48. Page 16 “Could you provide all the Appendices which went with this report to allow a review?” Appendices have been included in ‘EIA REPORT’</p>
Nov ?? 2023	<p>Appendices were NOT included in the copy of the EIA Report that we received. <u>Please provide a copy of all the Appendices.</u></p>