

ENVIRONMENT AND LAND USE APPEAL TRIBUNAL

COMMUNIQUE No. 3 of 2020

In view of the covid-19 pandemic, the public is hereby requested to **<u>take notice</u>** of the following:-

- 1. Barristers, Attorneys and Parties are informed of the new procedures before the Tribunal:-
 - (a)New appeals may be lodged by email at <u>eat@govmu.org</u> subject to it being received within the prescribed statutory delay. Once duly received, an electronic acknowledgment receipt will be issued.
 - (b)Same process shall apply for filing of documents (Statement of Case, Defence & Reply).
 - (c) Arrangements have to be made by the Parties or their legal advisers for service of any document that is required for their respective case.
- 2. All pre-hearing procedures will be made by email. Thus:-
 - (a)No formal matters will be held at the Tribunal <u>until further notice</u>. Motions & requests for particulars/information can be made by <u>email</u> at <u>eat@govmu.org</u>. Once duly received, an electronic acknowledgment of receipt will be issued and the request will be included in the file and will be part of the proceedings. Motions & requests for particulars/information must be communicated to all parties which shall acknowledge receipt of same.
 - (b)Responses to the requests must be communicated to the Tribunal and all parties (by email) within a required delay.



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- (c) Parties who do not have the facilities to communicate by email may send their requests/information by way of letter (must be with 'Avis de réception' if posted) within prescribed delay.
- 3. Hearings will be scheduled in a staggered manner in order to avoid the presence of too many people attending the Tribunal at one point in time. The prime objective is to implement social distancing measures.
- 4. Parties will be informed by e-mail once determination is delivered. Same will be in the file and will form part of the proceedings. Determinations shall be available for consultation by logging on to http://eluat.govmu.org/English/Pages/Determinations.aspx
- 5. Kindly note that all communications by e-mail must contain the **<u>ELUAT</u> <u>case number and the name of the case in the subject line</u> of the email.**

The Acting Secretary

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