

# Cruise Berthing Facility

## Project Development Timeline and Public Communication Issued from April 2013 to May 2019

April 2013 – Development of the Strategic Outline Case (SOC)

- \*Press Release issued advising that SOC was approved.
- \*Press Release issued - Deputy Premier Meets with Cruise Stakeholders for Port development talks

**22 May 2013: – GENERAL ELECTIONS HELD:**

*PPM Manifesto 2013 - “The Progressives will move swiftly to get the cruise berthing built, thereby providing major economic activity, putting people back to work and boosting the tourist industry. We will not try to build another city offshore George Town to compete with existing merchants, but rather to provide berthing for the big cruise-ships, which currently pass us by. This is a critically important project and we will make it happen.”*

October 2013 – Outline Business Case completed . Cabinet approved the Outline Business Case (OBC) which paved the way for the procurement process.

- \*Press release issued advising OBC is approved.

October to December 2013 – Terms of Reference for EIA being developed

- \*5 November 2013 – PUBLIC MEETING HELD AT MARY MILLER HALL TO EXPLAIN ABOUT THE OBC
- \*20 November 2013 – PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS EIA TERMS OF REFERENCE. (MEETING CO-HOSTED WITH DEH)

December 2013 – RFP issued for consultants to manage and prepare the environmental impact assessment.

- \*Public was advised during the November public meeting that the RFP for the EIA was about to be issued.

**March 2014 – W.F Baird Coastal Engineers Ltd appointed to carry out the EIA**

- **\*Press Release Issued regarding Baird's Appointment and listed the team of consultants providing coastal engineering, technical services etc.,**

**\*May 2015 - CBF update provided in MoT budget speech**

**June 2015 – Environmental Impact Assessment completed**

- **9 June 2015 – PUBLIC MEETING AT MARY MILLER HALL TO DISCUSS THE EIA AND NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY.**
- **July 2015 – Press Release Issued - Benthic Habitat Study Commissioned by Ministry (supplementary to EIA)**
- **\*July 2015 – MoT Issues a statement advising public that information gathering process continues.**

**September 2015 – PwC issues addendum to the OBC (Environmental Economic Appraisal)**

- **\*September 2105 – Press release issued following Benthic Habitat Report confirming that Coral could successfully be transferred to a new site.**

**October 27, 2015 – Cabinet gives approval for the Ministry to proceed to the next stage of the procurement process**

- **\*October 2015 - CIG holds press conference to announce decision to proceed and explain why.**
- **\*October 2015 – Press release issued with quotes from cruise lines confirming tendering not an option.**
- **October 2015 - Press release issued about coral relocation/mitigation costs.**
- **\*October 2015 – Statement issued based on PwC Report that concluded economic benefits outweigh environmental impact.**
- **\*October 2015 – MoT issues statement and Q&A on PwC's Cost Benefit Analysis and Conclusions.**

**\*May 2016 – CBF update provided in MoT budget speech**

July 2016 – International engineering firm Royal HaskoningDHV was appointed by CTC to undertake the civil engineering design works related to the piers

- **\*July 2016 – Press release advising of Royal Haskoning’s appointment**

5 December 2016 – CIG issues RFP for consultant with extensive experience in concessions and design/build/finance/maintain modelling.

- **\*December 2016 – Press release about RFP being issued**

March 2017 – KPMG appointed to provide commercial financial and legal consultancy services

- **\*March 2017 – Press Release issued about KPMG’s appointment**

#### **24 May 2017 – GENERAL ELECTIONS HELD:**

*PPM Manifesto 2017 - “Complete the infrastructure projects and the George Town Revitalisation project started during the Progressives first term. These projects provide employment during the construction phase and after, as well as support business growth.”*

\*October 2017 – General CBF update provided in budget speech which recapped process from July 2016 through to the pre-qualification of bidders.

5 February 2018 – CIG holds an Industry Day with pre-qualified applicants.

- **\*February 2018 – Press release issued regarding Industry day**

\*April 2018 -

- **News article - recap of procurement timeline and prequalification process provided to Compass for an article**

\*August 2018 –

- **MoT issues statement refuting claims that CBF deal has been signed.**

**\*26 September 2018 – PUBLIC MEETING HELD TO PROVIDE LATEST UPDATES AND ANSWER QUESTIONS**

27 November 2018 – Cabinet approves financial commitments from Royal Caribbean and Carnival Corporation.

- 1<sup>st</sup> December - Press release issued on cruise line funding and issuing of final bids

30 November - **FINAL TENDER DOCUMENTS ISSUED TO BIDDERS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> December - Press release issued on cruise line funding and issuing of final bids

January 2019

- Press release – CBF Piers will not cause flooding in George Town

February 2019

- Press release explaining CBF and cargo port financing

7 May 2019

- Press release – MOT urges public to disregard CBF rumours.

May 2019 – MSC is 4<sup>th</sup> Cruise line to commit funding to CBF project.

- Press Release Issued by OTP – MSC Cruises Commit to Berthing Facility

NOTE: all of the press releases and reports highlighted above are available on the CBF website [www.SupportOurTourism.com](http://www.SupportOurTourism.com) and daily updates are posted on [Facebook](#) (Support Our Tourism)