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NOTICE TO ALL BUSINESS HOUSE IN:

Port Vila/Efate
Luganville/Santo
Lakatoro/Malekula
Lenakel/Tanna

Dear Sir/Madam,

SUBJECT: WORK PERMIT TAX AND WORK PERMIT APPLICATION FEES

I refer to the above matter.

As you will recall the Council of Ministers (COM) at its meeting of Monday 30th March 2020 has approved the Vanuatu Government recommended Financial & Economic Stimulus Package to all business houses in Vanuatu. Part of the support provided by the Government is the cancellation of taxes to the Work permit.

The department of Labour & Employment Services in implementing the decision from the COM, has issued a directive dated 22nd of April 2020 to all Business houses in Vanuatu advising them of the decision of the COM to cancel all work permit tax fees and the charges for the year 2020. The department has complied with this COM decision and has approved that all work permit tax fee will be exempted effective from 1st of April 2020 to December 2020.

However, the department noted that the decision of the COM only applies to the work permit tax fees of VT330,000 pursuant to section 3 of the Labour Work permit act and does not include the application fee of VT20,000 which is provided under s5F of the act as amended from time to time.

Given that it was an oversight from the Department not to collect all application fees pursuant to s5F of the Labour Work Permit Act [187], we are of the view that all permit issued without the application fees paid to the Department will not be collected from each Business houses in Vanuatu.

As such the Department of Labour wishes to advise **ALL BUSINESS HOUSES** that, those whom Work Permit Application where been exempted as of 1st of April 2020 will be advised with a letter to settle their Application fee of Vt20,000 before 30th of November 2020. To avoid doubt and confusion, the department of Labour will collect all work permit application fees of the work permit which are issued effective from 1st of April 2020 to date. All payments will have to be processed through the one stop cashier at the Tamara Building in the centre of town.

I thank you for your understanding and cooperation on this matter, and please do not hesitate to contact our office should you wish any further clarification or queries on this matter.

Yours faithfully



Mrs. Murielle Meltenoven
Commissioner of Labour

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