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Dear Sir / Madam,

Support Scheme to drip irrigation of sugarcane for small planters

This is to inform you that the Irrigation Authority, in collaboration with the Ministry for Agro-Industry and Food Security and the MCIA, have launched a new scheme for provision of a financial assistance to small planters, in support to drip irrigation of sugar cane.

Please find attached a communiqué and application form concerning the scheme.

For any additional information, you may liaise with the personnel of Irrigation Authority on 2106596 / 57504631.

Yours faithfully,

S.Sookna
Chief Executive Officer

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IRRIGATION AUTHORITY

COMMUNIQUE

SUPPORT SCHEME TO DRIP IRRIGATION OF SUGAR CANE FOR SMALL PLANTERS

The Irrigation Authority, in conjunction with the Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security are pleased to inform small sugar cane planters of a new support scheme, for drip irrigation of sugar cane.

The objective of this scheme is to encourage small sugar cane planters to

- Adopt drip irrigation system, by bringing unirrigated fields under irrigation or by converting from other less efficient irrigation systems.
- Renew existing, old and disused drip irrigation equipment which have deteriorated over time due to wear and tear.

A. Scheme Description

1. A financial assistance will be given to small sugar cane planters producing up to 60 tons of sugar for purchase of drip irrigation equipment for the irrigation of sugar cane.
2. The financial assistance will be at a rate of Rs. 50 000/arp up to a maximum of Rs. 150 000 per planter.
3. The financial assistance will be given to planters based on preset eligibility criteria and on a first come first serve basis.

B. Eligibility Criteria

In order to benefit from this scheme, the planter will have to

- I. Be a registered sugar cane planter in Mauritius, producing up to 60 tons of sugar (relevant documents from the SIFB and MSS to be produced);
- II. Own or lease land cultivated under sugar cane, and that is equipped with drip irrigation infrastructure such as filters or delivery main pipes connected to a reliable and legal source of water.
- III. Be a bona fide and compliant planter of the MCIA or the IA, with no arrears of irrigation dues If ever the plot is located within the irrigation area of the Irrigation Authority.
- IV. Be able to demonstrate that he has the capacity and commitment to manage the irrigation equipment and use it to optimize production.

C. Processing of Applications

1. To apply for this support scheme, planters will have to apply to the IA (on application forms available at the sub-offices of the Irrigation Authority and the Mauritius Cane Industry Authority), prior to purchasing the drip irrigation equipment and provide the following information:
 - I. Personal details: name, address, SIFB account number and contact information.
 - II. Plot Details: Acreage, location, Irrigation Project concerned (if located within an irrigation area).
 - III. Details of the source of water, irrigation pipe network, pump, filters, valves, etc.
 - IV. A quotation from a supplier for the drip irrigation equipment.
2. The application will be processed and evaluated by a committee comprising of the MCIA and IA by making necessary verifications, on a case-to-case basis.
3. Once a decision has been taken by the committee, the applicant will be informed accordingly and if his application has been approved, he will have to sign an undertaking with the Irrigation Authority for use of the financial assistance for drip irrigation of sugar cane.
4. A cheque will be drawn onto the name of the supplier and will be remitted to the applicant, who will be responsible for taking delivery of the equipment and its installation in the fields. Proper functioning and safeguarding of the equipment will be under the sole responsibility of the applicant.

Irrigation Authority

07.02. 2024

IRRIGATION AUTHORITY

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR DRIP IRRIGATION OF SUGAR CANE

DATE			
NAME OF PLANTER:		ID NUMBER.....	
ADDRESS:.....			
PHONE NUMBER:.....		EMAIL :.....	
PLOT DETAILS			
SIFB ACCOUNT NO.		ACREAGE:ARP
ACTUAL STATUS: cane/vegetable/orchard/abandoned			
LOCATION OF PLOT/IRRIGATION PROJECT:			
STATUS OF PLANTER: Owner / Lessee			
DETAILS OF IRRIGATION SYSTEM			
Source of water:		Water right (l/s):	
Delivery Main (Diameter and material):			
Filter (Type of filter):			
DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED AND ATTACHED WITH THIS APPLICATION FORM		Tick where applicable	
Copy of ID card			
Proof of address			
Copy of the title deed			
Copy of lease agreement (Not required in case planter is owner of the plot)			
Quotation from Supplier			
Copy of Site plan			

I,....., hereby apply for financial assistance for drip irrigation of sugar cane and I certify that the above information are true and accurate. I am agreeable to sign an undertaking, that I will make proper use of the equipment for a period of at least 7 years, in case my application is approved.

SIGNATURE.....

FOR OFFICIAL USE			
DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED:		REFERENCE NO:	
RECOMMENDATION:			
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DATE OF SITE VISIT AND OBSERVATIONS MADE		
NAME AND SIGNATURE OF COMMITTEE MEMBER:		DATE:	
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APPROVAL OF GM OF IRRIGATION AUTHORITY:.....		DATE:	