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The Utilities Regulatory Authority's 2010 Annual Report

The Utilities Regulatory Authority (URA) is pleased to announce the publication of its 2010 Annual Report.

The Annual Report is prepared in accordance with Part 7 of the *Utilities Regulatory Authority Act No 11 of 2007*, and as required by section 33 of the Act.

Copies are now available to the general public from the Authority's office, located at the VNPF Building's ground floor, and on the home page of its website www.ura.gov.vu.

Highlights of 2010

The Authority undertook a number of activities which introduced various legal and regulatory challenges. These activities included reviewing electricity tariffs for all electricity concessions; participating (on behalf of the Government of Vanuatu) in arbitration proceeding with UNELCO to progress the tariff review; advising on the tariff to be applied by the new operator in Luganville; commencing the monitoring and support for the smooth transition between UNELCO and VUI in the Luganville concession; and continuing to monitor utilities providing electricity and water services to ensure they comply with concession agreements and Vanuatu's legislation.

Much of this work has continued into 2011, with the expectation of continued economic reform that will bring economic benefits to the people of Vanuatu.

Acknowledgement

The Authority wishes to extend its sincere appreciation to the Government of Vanuatu, the Minister of Lands, Geology, Mines and Water Resources, the Minister of Finance and Economic Management and the Minister of Infrastructure and Public Utilities and all other stakeholders for their close cooperation and continued support.

If you have any question, please contact the Authority at (678) 23335.

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Notes to the Editor

About the Utilities Regulatory Authority

The Authority was set up under the *Utilities Regulatory Authority Act No. 11 of 2007*. The Authority acts independently of the Government and its primary purpose is to increase access to safe, reliable and affordable electricity and water services, and to protect the long term interests of consumers throughout Vanuatu. In the electricity sector, the Authority monitors the concessions operated by UNELCO in Malekula, Port Vila and Tanna; and Vanuatu Utilities and Infrastructure Ltd (VUI) in Luganville. In addition, the Authority manages consumer disputes and advises the Government on matters related to electricity and water. It also reviews tariffs under the rules of the concessions agreements and relevant legislation.

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About VUI

Vanuatu Utilities and Infrastructure Limited (VUI) is a subsidiary of Pernix Group, Inc. Pernix Group's Power Operations and Management Services (O&M) division provides an integrated scope of services to maintain and manage all aspects of power operations. VUI has operated Luganville's electricity concession since 1st January 2011.

About UNELCO

Union Electrique du Vanuatu Limited (UNELCO) is a subsidiary of GDF Suez. It operates the electricity concessions for Port Vila, Malekula and Tanna. It has operated in Vanuatu since 1939.