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**The Utility Regulatory Authority announces appointments of new Chairperson and Commissioner of its Board**

*Tuesday, 29 May 2018* – The Utility Regulatory Authority (URA) announces the appointments of Philip Ah-Chuen as Chairperson and Rosemary Anodin as Commissioner of its Board.

Mr. Ah-Chuen who has been the Commissioner at the URA on its inception, has been appointed on May 15, 2018 to replace Prof. Goolam Mohamedbhai, who had resigned on January 22, 2018. Mr. Ah-Chuen is presently the *Executive Director* of Allied Motors Co. Ltd, a non-executive director of SBM Bank (Mauritius) Ltd. as well as a Commissioner for the Public Service Commission.

Mrs. Rosemary Elizabeth Winifred Anodin who was appointed on May 25, 2018 as Commissioner of the Board, will work in collaboration with the other two Commissioners, namely, Mr. Rampiar Luchmun-Roy and Mr. Sadatmanund Narain. Mrs. Anodin has had a long career in the legal profession.

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**About the Utility Regulatory Authority**

The Utility Regulatory Authority (URA) was officially launched in September 2016 with the appointment of the Chairperson and Commissioners as per the provisions of the *URA Act* which was enacted in November 2004 and further amended in 2008 and 2016. The URA's objectives are four-fold: to ensure the sustainability and viability of utility services, to protect the interests of both existing and future customers, to promote efficiency in both operations and capital investments in respect of utility services, and to promote competition to prevent unfair and anti-competitive practices in the utility services industry. At present, the URA is dealing with the regulation of electricity services and is still in its formative stage of operationalization, putting in place the required technical staff as well as the much-needed regulatory instruments. The URA's office is located in 1 Cybercity Building, Level 8, Ebene and is headed by the Director/CEO since October 2017.

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