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**NOTIFIKAZZJONIJIET TAL-GVERN****GOVERNMENT NOTICES**

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**MINISTERU GHAR-RIŻORSI  
U AFFARIJIET RURALI****MINISTRY FOR RESOURCES  
AND RURAL AFFAIRS****Ghotja fuq Xiri ta' Sistemi ta' Solar Water Heating  
fis-Settur Domestiku****A Grant for the Purchase of Solar Water Heating  
Systems in the Domestic Sector**

Biex ikompli jinkoraġġixxi t-titjib fl-użu tal-enerġija li jipproduci l-pajjiż, il-Ministru responsabbli għar-Riżorsi u Affarijiet Rurali, wara konsultazzjoni mal-Ministru tal-Finanzi, Ekonomija u Investiment qed iniedi din l-iskema finanzjata mill-UE li gejjja li hi mmirata biex tinkoraġġixxi l-użu ta' sistemi ta' *solar water heating* għal użu domestiku li jnaqqsu l-użu ta' enerġija, jew li jużaw għejjun ta' enerġija li jiġġeddu.

IN order to further encourage the better use of the energy being generated by the country, the Minister responsible for Resources and Rural Affairs, after consultation with Ministry for Finance, Economy and Investment has made the following EU funded scheme which aims to encourage the use of solar water heating systems for domestic use that reduce the use of energy, or use renewable sources of energy.

**SKEMA****SCHEME**

## 1. Tifsir

## 1. Interpretation

F'din l-iskema, kemm-il darba r-rabta tal-kliem ma tkunx teħtieġ xorta oħra:

In this scheme, unless the context otherwise requires:

'applikant' tfisser persuna li tagħmel applikazzjoni għal ghotja skond din l-iskema, li hi residenti f'Malta, li jkollha 18-il sena jew aktar fid-data li fiha tkun preżentat l-applikazzjoni u li tkun detentriċi skond artikolu 2 tal-Att dwar il-Karta tal-Identità (Kap. 258 tal-Liġijiet ta' Malta);

'applicant' means any person who makes an application for a grant in terms of this Scheme, is a resident of Malta, is 18 years of age or more on the day of the submittal of the application and who is a holder in terms of article 2 of the Identity Card Act, (Cap. 258 of the Laws of Malta);

'applikazzjoni' tfisser applikazzjoni għal ghotja li tkun saret b'dak il-mod kif meħtieġ mill-Awtorità u skond din l-iskema;

'application' means an application for a grant made in such manner as required by the Authority and in terms of this scheme;

'Awtorità' tfisser l-Awtorità ta' Malta dwar ir-Riżorsi mwaqqfa permezz tal-artikolu 3 tal-Att dwar l-Awtorità ta' Malta dwar ir-Riżorsi (Kap. 423 tal-Liġijiet ta' Malta);

'Authority' means the Malta Resources Authority established by Article 3 of the Malta Resources Authority Act (Cap. 423 of the Laws of Malta);

'bejjiegh' jew 'bejjiegh bl-innut' tfisser bejjiegh jew bejjiegh bl-innut li jkun reġistrat mal-Awtorità bhala bejjiegh jew bejjiegh bl-innut ta' sistemi eliġibbli għall-finijiet ta' din l-iskema;

'seller' or 'retailer' means a seller or retailer who is registered with the Authority as a seller or retailer of solar water heating systems or solar collectors eligible for the purposes of this scheme;

'data effettiva' tfisser is-16 ta' Frar, 2010;

'effective date' means the 16th February 2010;

'household' tfisser il-persuni li jabitaw permanentement go fond residenzjali;

'household' means the persons permanently inhabiting a residential premises;

'Malta' għandu jkollha l-istess tifsira mogħtija lilha f'artikolu 3 tal-Att dwar l-Interpretazzjoni (Kap. 249 tal-Liġijiet ta' Malta);

'Malta' shall have the same meaning as in article 3 of the Interpretation Act (Cap. 249 of the Laws of Malta);

'prezz tax-xiri tas-sistema ta' *solar water heating*' tfisser il-prezz finali tax-xiri tas-sistema kif jidher fuq l-irċevuta

'purchase price of the solar water heating system' means the final purchase price of the system as shown on the fiscal

fiskali jew fuq ir-rendikont ta' trasferiment tal-bank, kif jista' jkun il-każ;

'riċevuta fiskali' għandu jkollha l-istess tifsira mogħtija lilha fit-Tlettax-il Skeda tal-Att dwar it-Taxxa fuq il-Valur Miżjud (Kap. 406 tal-Liġijiet ta' Malta);

'sistema' ta' *solar water heating*, 'sistemi ta' *solar water heating*, 'sistema', 'sistemi' jew 'tagħmir' tfisser *solar water heaters* jew *solar collectors* approvati mill-Awtorità bħala eliġibbli għal din l-iskema, meta jilhqqu l-htigijiet imsemmija fin-Notifikazzjoni tal-Gvern imsejha 'Reġistrazzjoni ta' *Solar Water Heaters*, *Solar Collectors* u *Sistemi Fotovoltajċi*;

'*solar collector*' tfisser dik il-parti tat-tagħmir ta' *solar water heater* li tiġbor l-enerġija termali mix-xemx;

'*solar water heater*' tfisser sistema li minnha l-enerġija mix-xemx tintuża bħala sors alternattiv tal-enerġija għall-ghan li jissahhan l-ilma;

'skema' tfisser l-iskema għal għotja fuq ix-xiri ta' sistemi, stabbilita minn din in-Notifikazzjoni tal-Gvern;

'użu domestiku' tfisser l-użu li jsir minn sistema ta' *solar water heating* go fond residenzjali, liema fond ikun jintuża minn applikant għal finijiet residenzjali jew ta' abitazzjoni biss u ma jinkludix użu minn sidien tal-kirja jew iżviluppaturi, jew persuni li jkunu qiegħdin iwettqu xi attività ekonomika fil-post fejn is-sistema jew it-tagħmir ikunu ser jiġu installati.

## 2. Applikant Eliġibbli

Biex applikant ikun eliġibbli taht din l-iskema jrid jissodisfa, bħala minimu, wiehed mill-kriterji li ġejjin:

- ikun intitolat li jirċievi l-*Voucher*<sup>1</sup> tal-Benefiċċju tal-Enerġija. Prova ta' dan tista' tingħata billi tkun preżentata kopja tal-*voucher* tal-Benefiċċju tal-Enerġija li jkun intbagħat fl-indirizz tal-applikant matul l-2009 jew fl-2010. L-indirizz tal-applikant irid ikun l-istess indirizz fejn is-sistema se tkun installata u l-istess indirizz li jidher fuq il-kont tad-dawl. JEW

- ikun jirċievi l-*Allowance* tat-Tfal. Dan jithallas liċ-ċittadini femminili ta' Malta li għandhom fir-responsabbiltà tagħhom il-kura ta' tfal taht is-16-il sena, u fejn id-dħul tal-persuni li jgħixu fl-istess dar ma jkunx ta' aktar minn 23,923 ewro kif speċifikat fl-Att dwar is-Sigurtà Soċjali. Prova ta' dan trid tingħata billi tkun ippreżentata kopja ta' dan il-benefiċċju mibgħut fl-indirizz tal-applikant matul l-2009 jew l-2010. L-indirizz tal-applikant irid ikun l-istess indirizz fejn is-sistema se tkun installata u għandu jkun l-istess indirizz li jidher fuq il-kont tad-dawl.

receipt or on the bank transfer statement, as the case may be;

'fiscal receipt' shall have the same meaning as in the Thirteenth Schedule of the Value Added Tax Act (Cap. 406 of the Laws of Malta);

'solar water heating system', 'solar water heating systems', 'system', 'systems' or 'equipment' means solar water heaters or solar collectors approved by the Authority as eligible for this scheme, when meeting the requirements contained in the Government Notice entitled 'Registration of Solar Water Heaters, Solar Collectors and Photovoltaic Systems';

'solar collector' means the part of the equipment of a solar water heater which collects the thermal energy from the sun;

'solar water heater' means a system through which solar energy is utilised as an alternative source of energy for the purpose of heating water;

'scheme' means the scheme for a grant on the purchase of systems, established by this Government Notice;

'domestic use' means the use made of a solar water heating system or a solar collector at a residential premises, which premises is used by an applicant for residential or habitation purposes only and does not include use by landlords or developers, or persons carrying out an economic activity at the place where the system or equipment is to be installed.

## 2. Eligible Applicant

An applicant to be eligible under this scheme must satisfy, as a minimum, one of the following criteria:

- be entitled to receive the Energy Benefit Voucher<sup>1</sup>. This is to be demonstrated by presentation of a copy of such energy benefit voucher sent to the address of the applicant during 2009 or 2010. The address of the applicant must be the same address where the system is going to be installed and the same address on the electricity bill. OR

- be in receipt of the Children's Allowance. This is payable to female citizens of Malta who have the responsibility of the care of children under 16 years of age, and where the household income does not exceed Euro 23,923 as stipulated in the Social Security Act. This is to be demonstrated by presentation of a copy of such benefit sent to the address of the applicant during 2009 or 2010. The address of the applicant must be the same address where the system is going to be installed and must also be the same address which appears on the electricity bill.

<sup>1</sup>[http://www.msp.gov.mt/services/sif/service\\_info.asp?cluster=family&serviceid=378](http://www.msp.gov.mt/services/sif/service_info.asp?cluster=family&serviceid=378)

- Persuni li jirċievu *Allowance* tat-Tfal fissa kif mfissra fl-Att dwar is-Sigurtà Soċjali (jiġifieri l-*allowance* tat-tfal li tiġħallas lil kull min għandu t-tfal irrispettivament mid-dhul annwali tal-persuni li jgħixu fl-istess *household*) ma humiex eliġibbli għal xi għotja mogħtija taħt din l-Iskema sakemm ma jikkwalifikawx taħt xi kriterji oħra ta' eliġibbiltà. JEW

- It-tagħmir se jkun insallat go fond f'Għawdex, fl-indirizz li jidher fuq il-karta tal-identità tal-applikant. JEW

- ikun xtara fond biex tintuża bħala 'residenza unika u ordinarja' skond l-artikolu 32 (4)(a) tal-Att dwar it-Taxxa fuq Dokumenti u Trasferimenti, (Kapitlu 364 tal-Liġijiet ta' Malta). Il-valur tal-proprjetà irid ikun ta' inqas minn 120,000 ewro li x-xiri tiegħu jrid ikun ġie konkluż fl-1 ta' Jannar 2010 jew wara dik id-data. Dan irid jiġi pruvat permezz ta' kopja vera u ċertifikata tal-att tat-trasferiment jew permezz ta' dikjarazzjoni ta' nutar għal dan il-għan. L-indirizz tar-'residenza unika u ordinarja' irid ikun l-istess indirizz fejn is-sistema se tkun installata. JEW

- trid tkun *household* fejn id-dhul jew id-dhul flimkien tagħha jkun ta' inqas minn 16,070 ewro kif jidher minn kopja jew kopji tal-formola FS3 għas-sena 2009 jew kopja ta' dikjarazzjoni jew dikjarazzjonijiet tat-Taxxa fuq id-Dhul maħruġa mid-Dipartiment tat-Taxxi Interni għas-sena 2008. L-indirizz tal-applikant irid ikun l-istess indirizz fejn is-sistema se tkun installata u l-istess indirizz li jidher fuq il-kont tad-dawl. JEW

- tkun *household* li tirċievi għajjnuna soċjali skont l-Att dwar is-Sigurtà Soċjali (Kapitlu 318 tal-Liġijiet ta' Malta). Prova ta' dan trid tingħata billi tkun preżentata kopja ta' din l-għajjnuna li tkun intbagħtet fl-indirizz tal-applikant matul l-2009 jew fl-2010. L-indirizz tal-applikant irid ikun l-istess indirizz fejn is-sistema se tkun installata u l-istess indirizz li hemm fuq il-kont tad-dawl.

Barra minn xi wiehed minn dawn il-kriterji, l-applikant irid jissodisfa wkoll il-kundizzjonijiet imsemmija fil-linji gwida.

### 3. Applikabbiltà

Din l-iskema għandha tapplika għall-infiq li jkun sar mill-applikant meta jixtri *solar water heater* jew *solar collector* għal użu domestiku reġistrati taħt in-Notifikazzjoni tal-Gvern imsejha 'Reġistrazzjoni ta' *Solar Water Heaters, Solar Collectors* u Sistemi Fotovoltajiċi', u li l-infiq ikun sar fi żmien erba' xhur mid-data tal-ħruġ tal-ittra tal-offerta tal-għotja skond il-proċedura stabbilita minn din in-Notifikazzjoni tal-Gvern. L-infiq li jkun sar mill-applikant għal sistemi ta' *solar water heating* li ma jintużawx fil-fond residenzjali tiegħu mhumiex eliġibbli għal għotja skond din l-iskema.

- Persons receiving a Fixed Children's Allowance as defined in the Social Security Act (that is a children's allowance that is payable to households irrespective of the annual reckonable income of the household) shall not be eligible for a grant given under this scheme unless such households qualify under any other of the criteria for eligibility. OR

- the equipment is to be installed in a premises in Gozo, at the address shown on the Identity card of the applicant OR

- has purchased a premises to be used as a "sole ordinary residence" in terms of article 32(4)(a) of the Duty on Documents and Transfers Act (Chapter 364 of the Laws of Malta). The value of the property must be of less than Euro 120,000, the purchase of which must have been concluded on or after the 1st January 2010. This is to be proved by means of a certified true copy of the deed of transfer or by a notary's declaration to this effect. The address of the 'sole ordinary residence' must be the same as the address where the system is going to be installed. OR

- must be a household whose income or joint income is of less than Euro 16,070 as demonstrated by a copy or copies of an FS3 form for 2009 or a copy of the income tax statement or statements issued by Inland Revenue Department for 2008. The address of the applicant must be the same address where the system is going to be installed and the same address on the electricity bill. OR

- be a household in receipt of social assistance under the Social Security Act (Chapter 318 of the Laws of Malta). This is to be demonstrated by the presentation of a copy of such assistance sent to the address of the applicant during 2009 or 2010. The address of the applicant must be the same address where the system is going to be installed and the same address on the electricity bill.

In addition to any if these criteria, the applicant must also satisfy the conditions required in the guidelines.

### 3. Applicability

This scheme shall apply to the expenditure that is incurred by an applicant when purchasing a solar water heater or solar collector for domestic use registered under the Government Notice entitled 'Registration of Solar Water Heaters, Solar Collectors and Photovoltaic Systems', and which expenditure is made within four months from the date of issue of the grant offer letter in terms of the procedure established by this Government Notice. Expenditure made by an applicant for solar water heating systems not to be used at his residential premises is ineligible for a grant in terms of this scheme.

## 4. Infiq li għandu jiġi rapportat

L-infiq li għandu jiġi rapportat għandu jkun dak li jkun intefaq f'dak li għandu x'jaqsam mal-prezz tax-xiri tas-*solar water heater* jew tas-*solar collector* kif ikun jidher fuq l-irċevuta fiskali meta x-xiri jkun sar minn bejniegħ bl-imnut jew bejniegħ li jkun fiżikament jinsab Malta, jew fuq ir-rendikont ta' trasferiment tal-bank fil-każ ta' xiri minn bejniegħa jew bejniegħa bl-imnut li ma jinsabux fiżikament Malta.

5. Mod ta' applikazzjoni u dokumenti li għandhom jiġu preżentati flimkien mal-applikazzjoni

i. Biex applikazzjoni tkun valida taħt din l-iskema, hija għandha tiġi preżentata lill-Awtorità mill-applikant qabel ix-xiri tas-sistema, fil-formola murija fi Skeda III li tinsab ma' din in-Notifikazzjoni tal-Gvern u għandu jkun fiha l-informazzjoni, id-dettalji u d-dokumenti kollha msemmija f'dik il-formola, u kif jista' jkun meħtieġ skond din l-iskema, u kif elenkat fil-linjigwida u noti gwida murija fi Skeda II li tinsab ma' din in-Notifikazzjoni tal-Gvern;

ii. L-applikazzjonijiet għandu jkollhom magħhom id-dokumenti elenkati fil-formola tal-applikazzjoni, u kull dokument ieħor li l-Ministeru responsabbli għar-Riżorsi u Affarijiet Rurali, b'konsultazzjoni mal-Ministru tal-Finanzi, Ekonomija u Investiment jista' jeħtieġ u jgħarraf minn żmien għal żmien permezz ta' avvżi fil-Gazzetta;

iii. Dawk l-applikazzjonijiet biss li jkunu konformi mal-ħtiġijiet kollha ta' din l-iskema għandhom ikunu eliġibbli għall-ħlas tal-għotja msemmija fi klawwola 6 ta' din in-Notifikazzjoni tal-Gvern. Applikazzjoni preżentata minn applikant lill-Awtorità ma għandiex tkun meqjusa valida, qabel ma' is-sistema tkun eliġibbli taħt din l-iskema.

L-applikanti huma meħtieġa jivverifikaw li s-sistema li huma jkollhom intenzjoni li jixtru tkun reġistrata mal-Awtorità.

Applikazzjonijiet li ma jkunux konformi ma' xi waħda mill-kriterji meħtieġa mill-iskema fiż-żmien tal-applikazzjoni għandhom jiġu rifjutati;

iv. Sistemi ta' *solar water heating* m'għandhomx ikunu eliġibbli taħt din l-iskema jekk ikunu installati qabel il-ħruġ ta' ittra tal-offerta tal-għotja mill-Awtorità;

v. Il-fondi li huma disponibbli għall-iskema huma limitati. Għaldaqstant, in-numru ta' għotjiet disponibbli u li jistgħu jingħataw għandhom ikunu limitati kif jidher fi Skeda I li tinsab ma' din in-Notifikazzjoni tal-Gvern.

L-applikazzjonijiet għandhom ikunu proċessati u l-għotjiet mogħtija skond l-ordni ta' kif ikunu ġew riċevuti

## 4. Expenditure to be reported

The expenditure to be reported shall be that incurred in respect of the purchase price of the solar water heater or the solar collector as shown on the fiscal receipt when the purchase is made from a retailer or seller physically located in Malta, or on the bank transfer statement in case of purchases made from sellers or retailers physically not located in Malta.

5. Manner of application and documents to be submitted together with the application

i. For an application to be valid under this scheme, it has to be submitted to the Authority by the applicant prior to the purchase of the system, in the form contained in Schedule III to this Government Notice and shall contain all the information, details and documents as mentioned in such form, and as may be required in terms of this scheme, and as listed in the guidelines and guidance notes contained in Schedule II to this Government Notice;

ii. Applications shall be accompanied by the documents listed in the application form, and any other document which the Minister responsible for Resources and Rural Affairs, upon consultation with the Ministry for Finance, Economy and Investment may require and make known from time to time by means of a notice in the Gazette;

iii. Only those applications that are in compliance with all the requirements of this scheme shall be eligible for the payment of the grant referred to in clause 6 of this Government Notice. An application submitted by an applicant may not be considered as valid by the Authority, prior to the solar water heating system being eligible under this scheme.

Applicants are required to verify that the system they intend to purchase is registered with the Authority.

Applications that do not meet any of the criteria required by the scheme at the time of application shall be rejected;

iv. Solar water heating systems shall not be eligible under this scheme if installed prior to the issue of a grant offer letter by the Authority;

v. The funds which are available for the scheme are limited. Therefore, the number of grants available and to be awarded shall be limited as shown in Schedule I to this Government Notice.

Applications shall be processed and grants awarded according to their order of receipt by the Authority, until

mill-Awtorità, sakemm id-disponibbiltà tal-fondi tkun intużat. L-Awtorità tista' wkoll, fid-diskrezzjoni tagħha, tirċievi applikazzjonijiet meta l-fondi disponibbli għall-iskema jkunu intużaw. Dik l-irċevuta ta' applikazzjonijiet mill-Awtorità m'għandha, bl-ebda mod ikun kif ikun, timplika xi forma ta' responsabbiltà min-naħa ta' l-Awtorità jew tal-Gvern biex ihallsu xi ammont ta' flus.

Fl-eventwalità li l-Awtorità tibqa' tirċievi applikazzjonijiet wara d-data minn meta l-fondi disponibbli għall-iskema jkunu intużaw, l-irċevuta tal-applikazzjonijiet wara dik id-data m'għandha titqies, bl-ebda mod ikun kif ikun, bħala aċċettazzjoni jew approvazzjoni tal-applikazzjoni għall-finijiet ta' din in-Notifikazzjoni tal-Gvern.

L-applikazzjonijiet li jkunu ġew ipprezentati qabel id-data effettiva għandhom jiġu rifjutati u għandhom ikunu meqjusa awtomatikament bħala invalidi.

#### 6. Għotja li tiffallas taht din l-iskema

(i) L-applikanti jistgħu japplikaw għal għotja għal sistema fotovoltajika fil-formola li tinsab fi Skeda I li tinsab ma din in-Notifikazzjoni tal-Gvern u kif indikat fil-linjigwida u noti gwida li jinsabu fi Skeda II li tinsab ma' din in-Notifikazzjoni tal-Gvern. L-applikanti li jkunu rċevew għotja għal sistema ta' *solar water heating* fis-sena 2009 m'għandhomx ikunu eliġibbli għal għotja oħra mogħtija taht din l-iskema.

(ii) Il-validità tal-għotja għandha tibqa' isseħħ biss jekk is-sistemi ta' *solar water heating* tibqa' installata u tintuża, u m'għandhiex tiġi mibdula b'dak il-mod li jista' jnaqqas il-prestazzjoni tagħha, għal perjodu minimu ta' hames snin mid-data tal-ħruġ tal-ittra tal-offerta tal-għotja mill-Awtorità. Għandha tkun ir-responsabbiltà tal-applikant li jiżgura li din il-kundizzjoni tkun mħarsa matul dan il-perjodu taż-żmien kollu. Applikanti li jonqsu milli jonoraw din il-kundizzjoni għandhom ihallsu lura l-ammont tal-għotja, flimkien mal-interessi legali li jibdeu jiddekorru mill-gurnata li tkun ingħatat l-għotja, lill-Awtorità.

(iii) Fil-każ fejn il-fond li fih is-sistema ta' *solar heating* tkun installata, jiġi mibjugħ jew b'xi mod trasferit jew vakat mill-applikant, u s-sistema ta' *solar heating* tinzamm mill-propjetarju jew l-okkupant il-ġdid, il-kuntratt tal-bejgħ jew trasferiment, għandu jspecifika t-trasferiment tal-obbligi stabbiliti minn din in-Notifikazzjoni tal-Gvern, minn fuq l-applikant għal fuq il-propjetarju jew l-okkupant il-ġdid tal-fond, u f'nuqqas ta' dan l-applikant li għalih l-għotja kienet originarjament inħarġet għandu jibqa' responsabbli għall-osservanza tal-kundizzjonijiet kollha relatati mal-ħruġ tal-għotja.

#### 7. Hlas tal-għotja

L-Awtorità ta' Malta dwar ir-Riżorsi għandha toħroġ *cheque* għall-għotja rilevanti malli l-applikant jikkonforma

the availability of funds is exhausted. The Authority may also, at its discretion, receive applications when the funds available to the scheme have been exhausted. Such receipt of applications by the Authority shall not, in any manner whatsoever, imply any form of liability, or to give rise to any form of obligation on the part of the Authority or the Government to pay any amount of money.

In the eventuality that the Authority continues to receive applications after the date from when the funds available to the scheme have been exhausted, the receipt of any applications after that date shall not be considered, in any manner whatsoever, as an acceptance or approval of the application for the purposes of this Government Notice.

Applications that are submitted prior to the effective date shall be rejected and shall be deemed automatically invalid.

#### 6. Grant payable under this scheme

(i) Applicants may apply for a grant for a solar water heating systems in the form found in Schedule I to this Government Notice and as indicated in the guidelines and guidance notes found in Schedule II to this Government Notice. Applicants who have received a grant for solar water heating systems in 2009 shall not be eligible for another grant issued in terms of this Scheme.

(ii) The validity of the grant shall continue to subsist only if the solar water heating systems remain installed and in use, and shall not be modified in such a way as to degrade its performance, for a minimum period of five years from the date of the issue of the grant offer letter by the Authority. It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that this condition is complied with throughout this whole period of time. Applicants that fail to honour this condition shall refund the amount of the grant, together with legal interest accrued as from the day of its granting, to the Authority.

(iii) In the case where the premises wherein the solar heating system is installed, is sold or in any manner transferred or vacated by the applicant, and the solar water heating system is retained by the new owner or occupier, the contract of sale or transfer whereby the property is transferred, shall specify the transfer of the obligations established by this Government Notice, from the applicant to the new owner or occupier of the premises, in default of which the applicant to whom the grant was originally issued shall remain responsible for the observance of all conditions related to the issue of the grant.

#### 7. Payment of grant

The Malta Resources Authority shall issue the cheque for the relevant grant upon satisfactory compliance by the

ruħu b'mod sodisfaċenti mal-kundizzjonijiet u l-htigijiet kollha għall-ħruġ tal-għotja.

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#### 8. Bejjieġha jew bejjieġha bl-imnut eliġibbli

Bejjieġha jew bejjieġha bl-imnut, kemm jekk jinsabu fizikament Malta jew barra minn Malta, jistgħu jirreġistraw is-sistema jew tagħmir tagħhom skond in-Notifikazzjoni tal-Gvern imsejha 'Reġistrazzjoni ta' *Solar Water Heaters, Solar Collectors* u Sistemi Fotovoltajċi', iżda li f'kull każ, biex sistemi foltovoltajċi jew tagħmir ikunu eliġibbli taħt din l-iskema, dawn għandhom ikunu reġistrati b'mod xieraq skond in-Notifikazzjoni tal-Gvern imsemmija hawn qabel.

#### 9. Eliġibbiltà ta' sistemi ta' *Solar Water Heating* jew *Solar Collectors*

i. Applikazzjonijiet għal reġistrazzjoni ta' sistemi jew tagħmir għall-finijiet ta' din l-iskema għandhom isiru skond in-Notifikazzjoni tal-Gvern imsejha 'Reġistrazzjoni ta' *Solar Water Heaters, Solar Collectors* u Sistemi Fotovoltajċi'. Sistemi jew tagħmir li se jinxtrow minn applikant minghand bejjieġha jew bejjieġha bl-imnut li jinsabu barra minn Malta għandhom ikunu reġistrati mill-applikant skond in-Notifikazzjoni tal-Gvern imsemmija hawn qabel.

ii. L-applikanti huma rrikmandati li jivverifikaw jekk is-sistema ta' *Solar Water Heating* jew tagħmir ikunx eliġibbli taħt l-iskema maħruġa permezz tan-Notifikazzjoni tal-Gvern imsejha 'Reġistrazzjoni ta' *Solar Water Heaters, Solar Collectors* u Sistemi Fotovoltajċi' qabel il-prezentata tal-applikazzjoni, minhabba li r-reġistrazzjonijiet ta' prodotti jew tagħmir li jkunu saru minn bejjieġha jew bejjieġha bl-imnut jistgħu' jitneħħew f'kull waqt mill-Awtorità, wara li jkun ingħata avviz xieraq, u raġunijiet ġustifikati, lill-bejjieġha jew bejjieġha bl-imnut mill-Awtorità u kif meħtieġ min-Notifikazzjoni tal-Gvern imsejha 'Reġistrazzjoni ta' *Solar Water Heaters, Solar Collectors* u Sistemi Fotovoltajċi'.

#### 10. Validità ta' l-applikazzjoni

Applikazzjoni m'għandhiex titqies li giet prezentata kemm-il darba din ma tkunx mimlija u kompluta bid-dettalji kollha materjali, ikun fiha l-informazzjoni kollha meħtieġa, u jkollha magħha d-dokumentazzjoni kollha meħtieġa. L-applikazzjoni għandha titqies li tkun giet approvata mill-

applicant with all the conditions and requirements for the issue of the grant.

The cheque has to be sent by post to the applicant. The applicant has to give the correct address to the Authority to this end.

#### 8. Eligible sellers or retailers

Sellers or retailers, whether physically located in Malta or overseas may register their system or equipment in accordance with the Government Notice entitled 'Registration of Solar Water Heaters, Solar Collectors and Photovoltaic Systems', provided that in all cases, for solar heating systems or equipment to be eligible under this scheme, these shall be duly registered with the aforementioned Government Notice.

#### 9. Eligibility of Solar Water Heating systems or Solar Collectors

i. Applications for the registration of systems or equipment for the purposes of this scheme shall be made in accordance with the Government Notice entitled 'Registration of Solar Water Heaters, Solar Collectors and Photovoltaic Systems'. Systems or equipment to be purchased by an applicant from overseas sellers or retailers shall be registered by the applicant in accordance with the aforementioned Government Notice.

ii. Applicants are advised to verify whether a Solar Water Heating system or equipment is eligible under the scheme established by the Government Notice entitled 'Registration of Solar Water Heaters, Solar Collectors and Photovoltaic Systems' prior to the submittal of the application, since registrations of products or equipment made by sellers or retailers may be withdrawn at any time by the Authority, after giving due notice, and justified reasons, to the seller or retailer by the Authority and as required by Government Notice entitled 'Registration of Solar Water Heaters, Solar Collectors and Photovoltaic Systems'.

#### 10. Validity of application

An application shall not be deemed to have been submitted unless it is full and complete in all material particulars, containing all the information required, and is accompanied by all required documentation. An application shall be deemed to have been approved by the Authority

Awtorità biss meta tkun approvata b'mod speċifiku bil-miktub lill-applikant permezz ta' l-ittra tal-offerta tal-ghotja msemmija fi klawnsola 2 ta' din in-Notifikazzjoni tal-Gvern.

only when specifically approved in writing to the applicant by means of the grant offer letter mentioned in clause 2 of this Government Notice.

#### 11. Tul tal-iskema

Applikazzjonijiet għal din l-iskema jistgħu ikunu riċevuti b'mod validu mis-16 ta' Frar 2010. L-iskema tibqa valida sal-31 ta' Dicembru 2010 u ma tibqax fis-sehħ minn hemm 'il quddiem.

#### 11. Duration of the scheme

Applications for this scheme may be validly received as from the 16 February 2010. The scheme shall remain valid till the 31st of December 2010 and shall cease thereafter to be in force.

Din l-iskema tista' tiġi mibdula jew mitmuma qabel dik id-data permezz ta' avviż fil-Gazzetta. Din l-iskema tista' tiġi mġedda kif il-Ministru responsabbli għar-Riżorsi u Affarijiet Rurali b'konsultazzjoni mal-Ministru tal-Finanzi, Ekonomija u Investiment jista' jidhirlu xieraq ukoll permezz ta' avviż fil-Gazzetta.

This scheme may be modified or terminated before that date by means of a notice in the Gazette. This scheme may be renewed as may be deemed necessary by the Minister responsible for Resources and Rural Affairs upon consultation with the Ministry of Finance, Economy and Investment also by means of a notice in the Gazette.

#### 12. Emendi għall-iskema

Il-Ministru responsabbli għar-Riżorsi u Affarijiet Rurali b'konsultazzjoni mal-Ministru tal-Finanzi, Ekonomija u Investiment, għandu jkollu f'kull waqt id-dritt li jagħmel kull emenda għal din l-iskema għal din l-iskema permezz ta' avviż fil-Gazzetta ippubblikat li jkun jinkludi dawk l-emendi.

#### 12. Amendments to the scheme

The Minister responsible for Resources and Rural Affairs upon consultation with the Ministry of Finance, Economy and Investment, shall at all times have the right to make any amendments to this scheme by means of a notice published in the Gazette containing such amendments.

#### SKEDA I

Lista ta' persentaġġ u massimi ta' ghotja

Sistemi ta' *Solar Water Heating*: 40% ta' nfiq eliġibbli sa massimu ta' 560 Euro.

Massimu ta' 2,476 abitazzjonijiet domestiċi għandhom jibbenifikaw minn din l-iskema.

It-12 ta' Frar, 2010

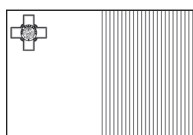
#### SCHEDULE I

List of grant percentage and maxima

Solar Water Heating systems: 40% of eligible costs up to a maximum of 560 Euro.

A maximum of 2,476 households shall benefit from this scheme.

12th February, 2010



Programm Operattiv I – Politika ta' Koeżjoni 2007-2013  
Ninvestu fil-Kompetittività għal Kwalità ta' Hajja Aħjar  
Proġett parzjalment iffinanzjati mill-Unjoni Ewropea  
Fond għall-Iżvilupp Reġjonali Ewropew (FŻRE)  
Rata ta' Ko-finanzjament: 85% Fondi tal-UE; 15% Fondi Nazzjonali  
Ninvestu fil-Futur Tiegħek



*Operational Programme I – Cohesion Policy 2007-2013  
Investing in Competitiveness for a Better Quality of Life  
Project part-financed by the European Union  
European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)  
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## Schedule II

In order to further encourage the use of renewable sources of energy for domestic use, the following Grant Scheme has been launched. The scheme is part financed by the European Regional Development Fund.

### GRANT SCHEME

#### **Introduction**

The application for a grant is made by the householder and the contractual arrangements are between the householder and the programme administrators (Malta Resources Authority). The application form is divided in three parts. Applicants must complete Part I of the application with their personal details. Part II must be completed by the retailer and Part III by both the retailer and the applicant. Part I and Part II must be completed and submitted to the Malta Resources Authority prior to the purchase and installation of the equipment and Part III has to be completed and submitted to the Malta Resources Authority when the equipment is installed.

Part I and Part II will be processed, and available funds shall be allocated, in accordance with the Government Notice published by the Ministry for Resources and Rural Affairs. Funds for the scheme are limited, and applications are processed on a first-in first-out basis. There is no guarantee that all applications will be successful, even if all eligibility criteria are met.

#### **Steps in Applying for the Solar Water Heating System Grant Scheme**

##### ***Step 1***

Read the guidelines on how to apply under the Solar Water Heating Grant Scheme.

##### ***Step 2***

Contact eligible suppliers of the systems to help assess electricity demands, conduct a review of energy use and determine the appropriate type and size of system required. It is recommended that the applicant should contact more than one potential supplier.

**Step 3**

Ensure that you have obtained planning permission for your installation (where applicable).

**Step 4**

Fill in Part I and Part II of the grant scheme application form in conjunction with the supplier, and submit it to the Malta Resources Authority together with the required documentation. Note that at this stage, the application is not yet assessed much less approved and no grant offer has been made in your case. Part I and Part II of the application must be approved by the Malta Resources Authority **before** equipment is purchased and installed.

**Step 5**

If the scheme's criteria and requirements are met and the application is successful you will receive a **grant offer letter**; and you may subsequently purchase and install the system. Successful applications may be published on the website.

**Step 6**

When the installation of the Solar Water Heating System or Solar Collector has been completed, fill in the MRA notification form and submit it to the MRA, together with Part III of the grant scheme application form including all required documentation. Grant scheme completion forms must reach the MRA within the date indicated on the grant offer letter.

**Step 7**

The Malta Resources Authority will assess the grant scheme application and the details of the installed system against information provided in the original pre-purchase application (part I and part II of the application).

**Step 8**

Payments of grant schemes will be processed after receipt of a fully and correctly completed Part III grant scheme application including all required attachments. The grant will be paid to the applicant through a cheque issued by the Malta Resources Authority.

**Note:** The MRA requires full details (entered into the relevant forms or attached as required) to assess applications and reserves the right to suspend processing of incomplete applications until all necessary details have been provided. The MRA will advise any applicant so affected of the necessary details required to complete an application.

Your application will be assessed to make sure all the information and documents supplied meet the grant requirements. The MRA may contact other Government Departments to verify that the information submitted in the applications is correct.

Once your application meets all the criteria and requirements and is approved, the Malta Resources Authority will issue the cheque representing the relevant grant amount. The Authority is required to ensure that the scheme and related funds it administers meet the objective of providing environmental benefits. For this reason, one of the conditions of the grant is that the system will remain installed and in use, and will not be modified in such a way as to degrade its performance for a period of at least five years after installation. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that this condition is met. The retailer shall therefore include a warranty of 5 years on the system. If the equipment is not according to the information claimed in the application and to the requirements of the scheme, the grant will not be processed or the sum paid will have to be returned to the Malta Resources Authority with legal interest. MRA auditors may inspect, and you accept to undergo such inspections by applying for a grant under the scheme, the supported system installed in your house during this five year period. In applying for the grant, you are agreeing to accept and facilitate such inspection.

A grant will only be paid once the installation has been completed. The application form must be sent in with the documentation listed in the application form.

### **1. Interpretation**

In this Scheme, unless the context otherwise requires:

‘applicant’ means any person, who is a resident of Malta and is 18 years of age or over on the day of application and has made an application for a grant in terms of this Scheme;

‘Authority’ and ‘MRA’ mean the Malta Resources Authority;

‘date of purchase’ means the date on the last original fiscal receipt relating to the purchase, provided that this date is not later than one year after the date of order;

‘duration of the scheme’ means the period between, and including, the effective date and the termination date;

‘effective date’ means the 16 February 2010;

‘fiscal receipt’ means a receipt as defined in the Thirteenth Schedule of Chapter 406 - the Value Added Tax Act, Act XX111 of 1998 as subsequently amended - and also includes any regulation made by the same Act;

‘application’ means an application for a grant made in such manner as required by the Authority and in terms of this scheme;

‘Malta’ means the Maltese Islands;

‘Micro-generation’ means the production of heat or electricity on a small scale from a low carbon source;

‘you’ or ‘your’ refers to the individual named as the applicant in the application;

'technology' or 'technologies' refers to the micro-generation technology type to be installed at the property;

'owner' includes 'joint ownership', 'emphyteuta' includes 'joint-emphyteuta' and 'tenant' includes 'joint-tenant', and 'emphyteuta' includes 'sub-emphyteuta' and 'tenant' includes 'sub-tenant';

'RES system' for this scheme means new solar heating system or solar collector for this scheme;

'solar water heating system', 'solar water heating systems', 'system', 'systems' or 'equipment' means new solar water heaters or new solar collectors approved by the Authority as eligible for this scheme, when meeting the requirements contained in the Government Notice entitled 'Registration of Solar Water Heaters, Solar Collectors and Photovoltaic Systems';

'solar collector' means the part of the equipment of a solar water heater which collects the thermal energy from the sun;

'solar water heater' means a system through which solar energy is utilised as an alternative source of energy for the purpose of heating water;

'domestic use' means the use made of a system at a residential premises, which premises is used by an applicant for residential or habitation purposes only and does not include use by landlords or developers, or persons carrying out an economic activity at the place where the system is to be installed.

'termination date' shall mean the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010;

'date of order' means the date on the invoice or of the first original fiscal receipt, whichever is earlier.

## **2. Area of applicability**

This Scheme applies to the expenditure that is incurred on the purchase of a solar water heating system or solar collector purchased for domestic use and installed in Malta, for which an application has been made for the duration of the Grant Scheme. Grants will not be payable in respect of technologies installed in caravans, boats or boathouses.

### **3a. Eligible Applicant**

To be eligible, an applicant must:

- have obtained planning permission (where required) for the installation. The building should also be covered by a planning permit;
- You must be the freehold owner of the property OR the owner of a long leasehold interest in the property (i.e. a leasehold term with more than 5 years remaining) with all necessary consents from the owner of the property. If you are a joint owner of the property, you are entitled to apply for a grant on behalf of the other joint owners provided they have agreed to your doing so and will comply as necessary with all of these terms and conditions. The

property must be used principally by you or your family for your own private residential purposes. You are not entitled to receive a grant if the property is used principally for business purposes, including the letting of the property on a commercial basis (even if your tenants' use of the property will be residential);

- not obtain any other grants or subsidies for this system from any other schemes that include national or public funds such as Government of Malta funds or EU funds.
- install the equipment in a residential premises and is not used by the applicant to carry out an economic activity or as an undertaking;
- not be applying on behalf of an undertaking and not be a landlord of the property where the system is installed;
- provide the MRA with a bank account to enable transfer of the grant amount directly to the applicant's account;
- allow MRA or EU Auditors to perform on site inspection of the equipment installed and facilitate such inspections;
- For Solar Water Heating systems or Solar Collectors, the applicant must accept that the applicant's name together with the eligible grant amount may appear on public documents.

In addition to the above, households applying for Solar Water Heating technologies must be in line with at least one of the following criteria:

- be entitled to receive the energy benefit voucher<sup>1</sup>. This is to be demonstrated by presentation of a copy of such energy benefit voucher sent to the address of the applicant during 2009 or 2010. The address of the applicant must be the same address where the system is going to be installed and the same address on the electricity bill. OR

- be in receipt of the Children's Allowance. This is payable to female citizens of Malta who have the care of children under 16 years of age, and where the household income does not exceed Euro 23,923 as stipulated in the Social Security Act. This is to be demonstrated by presentation of a copy of such benefit sent to the address of the applicant during 2009 or 2010. The address of the applicant must be the same address where the system is going to be installed and the same address on the electricity bill.

Persons receiving a Fixed Children's Allowance as defined in the Social Security Act (that is a children's allowance that is payable to households irrespective of the annual reckonable income of the household) will not be considered eligible for the solar water heater unless qualifying under any other of the criteria for eligibility. OR

- solar water heater is to be installed in a premises in Gozo, at the address shown on the ID card of the applicant OR

- have purchased a residence to be used as a "sole ordinary residence" in terms of Chapt 364 section 32(4)(a) of the Laws of Malta. The value of the property must be of less than Euro 120,000 and must have been bought on or after the 1st January 2010. This is to be demonstrated by a certified true copy of the deed of transfer or by a notary's declaration to this effect. The address of the 'sole ordinary residence' must be the same as the address where the system is going to be installed. OR

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.msp.gov.mt/services/sif/service\\_info.asp?cluster=family&serviceid=378](http://www.msp.gov.mt/services/sif/service_info.asp?cluster=family&serviceid=378)

- must be a household whose income or joint income is of less than Euro 16,070 as demonstrated by a copy or copies of an FS3 form for 2009 or a copy of the income tax statement or statements issued by Inland Revenue Department for 2008. The address of the applicant must be the same address where the system is going to be installed and the same address on the electricity bill. OR

- be a household in receipt of social assistance under the Social Security Act (Chapter 318 of the Laws of Malta). This is to be demonstrated by the presentation of a copy of such assistance sent to the address of the applicant during 2009 or 2010. The address of the applicant must be the same address where the system is going to be installed and the same address on the electricity bill.

Other members of the same household may not apply for a grant on the same technology (i.e. solar water heaters or solar collectors).

Lack of adequate sun exposure of the solar water heating system or solar collector will disqualify an installation.

The Authority reserves the right to refuse the grant and take legal action to recover the amount granted with interests and any other costs incurred, in case of:

- incorrect information being stated by the applicant in this application;
- some conditions of the scheme are not being met; or
- the grant having been already given.
- other reasons where the 'bona fide' intention of the applicant is manifestly missing.

#### **4. Eligible expenditure**

##### **4.1 Purchases from the Local Market**

The expenditure to be claimed must be in respect of the purchase price as shown on the original fiscal receipt in terms of Article 51 of the VAT Act. The Treasury Division reserves the right to request the original bank transfer if deemed necessary. This may also apply in cases of payments by electronic means, whereby an official bank document such as a Statement of Account must be presented.

##### **4.2 Purchases from the Foreign Market**

In case of overseas purchases, the expenditure to be claimed should be in respect of the purchase price shown on the receipt. Expenditure must also be supported by the original bank transfer issued by a financial institution. In cases of payments made by electronic means, an official bank document such as a Statement of Account must be presented.

#### 4.3 The eligible costs are:

- For solar hot water systems: Costs of solar hot water panels and storage tanks, plus their fixing to the roof or ground, including VAT, but excluding (i) the cost of any extended warranty beyond the standard warranty that installers are required to provide free of charge; (ii) the cost of any other materials, works or other costs such as, but not limited to, any cost of plumbing at property; and (iii) costs of permits or certification.
- For solar collectors: Costs of solar hot water panel plus their fixing to the roof or ground, including VAT, but excluding (i) the cost of any extended warranty beyond the standard warranty that installers are required to provide free of charge; (ii) the cost of any other materials, works or other costs such as, but not limited to, any cost of plumbing at property; and (iii) costs of permits or certification.

#### 5. Eligible Technology

The chosen technology model and manufacturer must be registered with the MRA. The registered list of manufacturers and models will be accessible on [www.mra.org.mt](http://www.mra.org.mt)<sup>2</sup>. The product manufacturer is the company that makes the product. The model is the version of the product that has been selected for use. It is your responsibility to ensure that approved products are used.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** you must not enter into a binding contractual commitment or otherwise pay out any money (including any deposit) in relation to the purchase of a technology or the carrying out of any installation work (other than certain preliminary ground or civil water works) before receiving a grant offer letter. If you fail to comply with this requirement, you may not receive a grant offer letter, either because MRA exercises its right not to make an offer where particular requirements are not met and/or because insufficient funds are available) and you may find, as a result, that you are committed to paying the full cost of the technology/installation work yourself.

#### 6. Manner of application and supporting documents

- (i) Applications under this Scheme shall be made by the applicant in the form, set out in the Schedule to this Scheme and shall contain all the information, details and documents as required in the said form and in terms of this Scheme.
- (ii) Prospective applicants who intend to import systems directly are also urged to pre-register their systems themselves PRIOR to making any commitments. Full details of the overseas retailer from whom the system is imported must be given and Part II of the application form may be sent by e-mail. The Malta Resources Authority will need to verify all overseas purchases. An original bank transfer statement must be submitted with the application form as proof of purchase.
- (iii) Retailers are required to register their equipment as soon as it is available for sale.
- (iv) Applications shall be accompanied by the documents listed in the application form.
- (v) Only those applications that are found to conform to all the provisions of this Scheme shall be eligible for payment of the grant referred to in paragraph 8 of the Scheme.

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<sup>2</sup> The registered list may be obtained from MRA offices.

## **7. Grant Claim Deadline**

Grants are valid for four months from the date of the grant offer letter.

Please confirm with your qualified installer an installation date for your technology. If your installation has not been completed within the given timeframe your grant will expire and a claim cannot be made. If you are unable to install a system within the timescales outlined above, do not submit a grant application at this time. We will welcome an application when you are ready to install subject to availability of funds and to the termination date of the scheme.

## **8. Grant payable under this Scheme**

The applicable grant is as follows:

Solar water heating systems: 40% of eligible costs<sup>3</sup> up to a maximum of € 560;

## **9. Payment of Grant**

Once all criteria are met and application has been approved, the application will be passed for payment and a cheque representing the relevant grant amount will be issued. This cheque will be mailed to the applicant. The correct mailing address shall be provided to the Authority by the applicant on Part I of the application for this purpose.

## **10. Validity of application**

An application shall not be deemed to have been submitted unless it is full and complete and unless it contains all the information and is accompanied by all the documentation required therein.

## **11. Duration of the Scheme**

This Scheme shall remain in force until the termination date unless modified/terminated beforehand by means of a Notice in the Government Gazette, and may be renewed as deemed necessary. Applications relating to purchases on, or before the termination date shall continue to be accepted, for a period of three months from the termination date.

## **12. Amendments to the Scheme**

The Malta Resources Authority shall have the right to make any amendments to this Scheme by the publication of the said amendments in the Government Gazette or to publish clarifications to the Scheme by the publication of such clarifications on its website [www.mra.org.mt](http://www.mra.org.mt)

## **13. Period of operation**

The Authority is required to ensure that the funds it administers provide a certain amount of environmental benefits. For this reason, one of the conditions of the grant is that the system will remain installed and in use, and will not be modified in such a way as to degrade its performance for a period of at least five years after installation. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure

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<sup>3</sup> Eligible costs are the costs of the technology chosen as per section 4 of these guidelines.

that this condition is met. The retailer shall therefore include a warranty of 5 years on the system. The Malta Resources Authority and other national and European authorities may perform on site inspections throughout this five year period to ensure that the equipment is still in operation.

#### **14. Audit**

The Authority and other national and European authorities have to be able to verify, if need be, that any grants paid by MRA were used for the purposes intended by the grant scheme. For this reason, you must ensure that you comply with the record keeping and inspection requirements set out in the following paragraphs.

(a) You must keep a record of all relevant documentation that you obtain in relation to the technology and its installation, including in particular the original of any quotations and invoices from the relevant qualified installer or any other contractors involved in the installation work. You must keep these records for at least 5 years following payment of the grant and if MRA asks you to do so at any time (and as long as it gives you reasonable prior notice) you must allow authorised representatives of MRA and/or its agents and/or any national and European audit bodies to inspect and take copies of these records.

(b) If MRA asks you to do so at any time (and as long as it gives you reasonable prior notice) you must permit MRA and its authorised inspectors or other representatives to have access to the property for the purposes of inspecting the technology and/or verifying whether the energy efficiency measures required by these terms and conditions have been put in place.

(c) If the MRA asks you to do so at any time, you must provide such additional information and co-operation as MRA may request for the purposes of MRA monitoring energy use of the property and/or the performance of the technology. The MRA will be entitled to use this information, amongst other things, for the purposes of publishing reports in relation to the relevant technology.

#### **15. Publicity**

If at any time you use the technology in any advertising or otherwise publish any information about the technology, you must make clear as part of the relevant activity that you have received a grant using EU funds. However, you must not do or say anything that may lead a third party to believe that you are acting as an agent of the Authority.

The names of applicants and the corresponding grant given may appear in public official documents.

Stickers containing the EU funding logo will be distributed with the grant offer letter. These stickers are to be attached to the equipment installed in your premises.

#### **16. Data Protection**

Acceptance of funding is an automatic acceptance of the individuals inclusion in the publication (electronic or otherwise) of the list of applicants, the names of the operations and the amount of public funding allocated to the operation in line with Article 7(2)(d) of Commission Regulation 1828/2006.

Personal information provided is protected and used in accordance with the Data Protection Act. The information shown on this application form will be used and shared by/with the Malta Resources Authority and its agents, the Ministry for Finance, the VAT department and other

Government entities and EU bodies involved in administering and supervising the scheme. The MRA may also use this information to demonstrate market transformation trends.

The authority may check information given by the applicant with relevant authorities and / or Government entities in Malta.

### **17. Compliance with legislation**

Compliance with planning permission requirements: In this context, compliance to development permission implies that the PV installation (and the building where this installation is sited) complies with a valid development permit, or is permitted development under the Development Notification Order.

You must ensure that in carrying out any activities in connection with the installation and use of the technology you and anyone acting on your behalf complies with all applicable laws and regulations. This grant is subject to Maltese legislation. The grant is also made to the applicant personally and may not be transferred. The grant does not confer any rights. The MRA will not lose any right that it has under these terms and conditions if it does not exercise that right or delays in exercising it.

### **18. Liability**

- The MRA cannot and does not guarantee or underwrite the performance of any technology and you should ensure that the retailer and installer you contract with provides you with all necessary information in relation to the warranty cover they will be providing.
- In cases where the supplier does not conform to any provisions set out in the scheme, the supplier/installer shall be obliged to either change the equipment to bring the installations within the provisions of the scheme or pay the grant to the end consumer. This does not exclude the possibility that the end consumer may take legal action against the retailer to provide him with equipment as originally requested.

### **19. Type of Technology**

The technology to be installed at the property must be applicable to the requirements of the call of the grant scheme. Technical details of the system and model number are required to ensure that the equipment being purchased is in fact applicable to the scheme. As at the date on which these terms and conditions were issued, grants are only available in relation to particular types of micro-generation technology, as follows:-

- Solar thermal domestic water heating

In addition, the specific technology (i.e. the specific type of micro-generation product) to be installed at the property must have specific approval by the MRA.

The installed system must be compliant with applicable regulation and technical codes such as the national Network Code.

## 20. Implementation Process

Part 1 and Part II of the application will be received by MRA from the date indicated on the Government Notice prior to the purchase and installation of the technology chosen. The MRA will check eligibility of the applicant and of the chosen technology. MRA auditors may inspect the site of installation. Eligible applications will be processed on a first come first served basis.

This first come first served basis principle applies only to valid applications and hence, incomplete or invalid applications, even if later made complete or valid, shall lose their order of preference, in terms of such principle.

A grant offer letter will be sent indicating the grant amount, model, installation address and the date when the installation must be complete. A letter of rejection will be sent to non-compliant applicants. The reason for rejection will be indicated on the letter. Any appeals from rejected applicants will be assessed by an Appeals Committee specifically appointed to hear appeals from decisions made under this scheme. Applicants will be informed of the Appeals Committee decision.

Applicants who receive their grant offer letter will be able to purchase and install their equipment in the time period indicated on their grant offer letter. Once the equipment has been installed, Part III of the application form may be submitted with the required attachments. This will be assessed by MRA. MRA auditors may be sent to verify that the equipment installed conforms to what has been stated in the application. Applications that conform to the scheme requirements will receive the grant through a bank transfer. Part III applications that do not conform to the grant offer letter and to the scheme requirements will be rejected. A letter of rejection will be sent to the applicants. Rejected applicants may submit their appeals to the Appeals Committee. The decision of the Appeals Committee is final.

### Guidance notes to the application form – step by step

#### The Application form explained

*Applicant details:* This section requires factual information about you as the applicant. We will consider that you are willing to communicate by email if you provide us with your email address.

*Address where system is to be installed:* This section requires detailed information on the installation address. In case there are ambiguities about the address, applicants are advised to provide a site map with a clear indication of the installation address. This is required to ensure that the technology is installed in a local residence and to permit Malta Resources Authority auditors to perform site inspections.

*Mailing Address:* This needs to be filled in if you would like correspondence to be mailed to a different address from the installation address given in section B.

*Grant eligibility questions:* You must check whether your installation requires a MEPA clearance. Where MEPA permit is not required, mark as not applicable.

We need to confirm that you are entitled to install the system. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have obtained any agreements required from joint-owners or other parties.

You may not apply for further funding on a system if funds have already been provided on this system from other schemes that are not managed by the MRA.

*Grant eligibility questions for solar water heating technology*

In addition to the grant eligibility questions, households applying for Solar Water Heating technologies must be in line with at least one of the criteria stipulated in Section D (ii). You must check whether your household falls under one of the category listed in D(ii). Please tick boxes as appropriate.

Other members of the same household may not apply for an investment aid on the same technology (i.e. solar water heating system).

This particular scheme is open only to private individuals for use on their residential properties, and for organisations that do not fall within the concept of 'undertaking' i.e. an undertaking carrying out an economic activity. For undertakings, state aid rules apply and a separate scheme will be issued. Undertakings include landowners. Government entities and not-for-profit organisations may apply directly for EU funds when calls are issued by the Planning and Priorities Coordination Division (PPCD).

*Documents accompanying application:*

1. Original quotation containing seller and buyer details, segregated prices and description of product is required to verify price and model number of technology to be purchased.
2. Photocopy of ID card is required to ensure that applicant is a domestic user.
3. A copy of a complete electricity bill or statement of account issued by the electricity provider, or partial electricity bill plus receipt. The name of the applicant should be shown as the account holder, while the service address should refer to the site where the system is to be installed.
4. And any one of the following:
  - Recent social security statement related to social assistance or unemployment assistance Or
  - Energy Voucher Statement Or
  - FS3 statement or tax statement Or
  - Children's Allowance Statement Or
  - Contract for the purchase of a property under € 120,000 as 'sole ordinary residence' or declaration from a notary stating the price of the property purchased and that the residence is a 'sole ordinary residence'

*Applicant's Declaration:* The declaration must be signed to ensure that the applicant is aware of the conditions for the investment aid and that the applicant is accepting these conditions.

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*Retailer's Details:* This section requires factual information about the retailer to enable Malta Resources Authority to communicate with the retailer and make the necessary checks. We will consider that the retailer is willing to communicate by email if the email address is provided to us.

*Technical Details of Installation:* One application needs to be filled in per technology. Please indicate the technology you are applying for by ticking the box next to each technology.

**For solar water heaters:**

*Water storage capacity and collector size:* The capacity of the tank is required to ensure that the amount of hot water commensurate with the collector size.

*Evacuated tube or flat plate:* We need to know the type of technology the applicant will be purchasing. This information will be on the technical specifications of the equipment.

*Equipment Model:*

*Equipment Manufacturer:*

The equipment model and manufacturer will define characteristics of your preferred technology. The model numbers may be found from manufacturer's technical documentation. The manufacturer is the company that designed and built the technology you intend to purchase.

*Quoted Price:* This refers to the price to be paid for your technology and must correspond to the price stated on the fiscal receipt after you purchase the equipment. This information is required to calculate the applicable investment aid. Please see the guidelines to see what is eligible for the grant.

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This form should be completed in full and left with the customer. Please make sure that the model numbers correspond to the model numbers on the documentation sent in the pre-approval stage (application form Parts I and II) and with those on the rating plates installed on your equipment. This form should be accompanied with the following items:

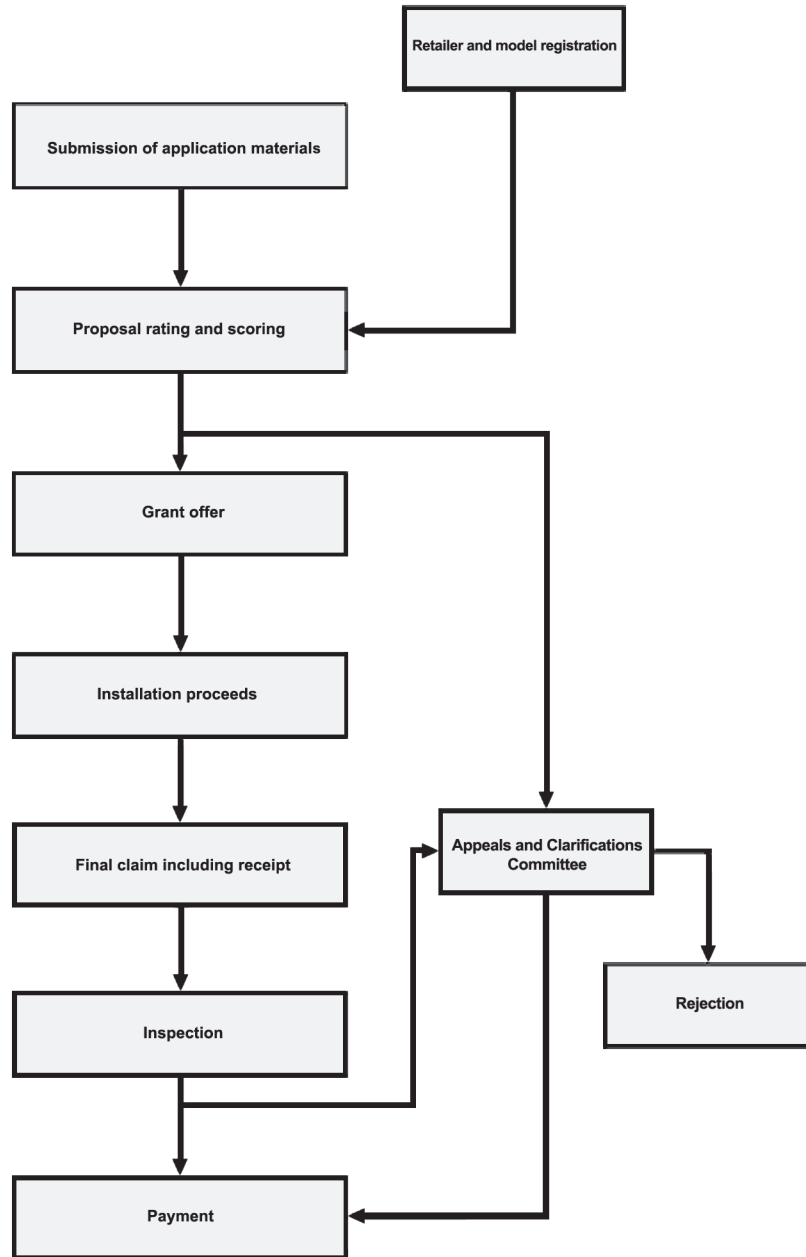
- Original fiscal receipts. In the case of computerised receipts, the original invoice should also be submitted;
- Photographs of the rating plates clearly showing the module model number and serial number of each module of technologies installed;
- Photographs of the installation site showing the equipment installed;
- Photocopy of MEPA Permit (where required);
- Photocopy of 5 year guarantee;
- Original bank transfer statement (for overseas purchases only).

Requirements for original invoices and original receipts may be found on [www.mra.org.mt](http://www.mra.org.mt)<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> A copy of the requirements for original invoices and receipts may be obtained from MRA offices.

**Annex 1 – Flow Chart**



## Schedule III



***Promotion of Energy efficiency and  
renewable Sources of Energy In the domestic  
Sector – Solar Water Heating Application  
Part 1 and Part II***

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www.mra.org.mt

**Please ensure that you complete all sections of the form, including those overleaf. Applications that are not fully completed will not be processed. Faxes and photocopies of a completed application form are not acceptable. An application form has to be completed for each RES system purchased.**

Applicants must complete this form in conjunction with the installer and supplier of the proposed renewable generation system. The following parts should be completed:

- Parts I – before purchase and installation
- Parts II – before purchase and installation
- Part III – after purchase and installation and after approval of grant.

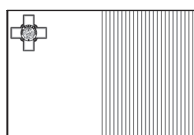
**PART I to be filled in by the applicant before purchase and installation**

**Section A – Applicant Details**

Name:	Surname:
ID Card No:	Telephone No:
E-mail:	

**Section B – Address where system is to be installed**

House name or number:	
Street:	
Locality:	Post Code:



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**Section C - Mailing address**

If you would like scheme correspondence to be mailed to a different address from the installation address given above, please complete this part. If not completed, all correspondence will be mailed to the address identified in Section B.

House name or number:	
Street:	
Locality:	Post code:
Country:	

**Section D****(i) - Grant eligibility questions - Please tick boxes to confirm**

I confirm that I will obtain planning permission (where required) for this installation	<input type="checkbox"/>
I confirm that I am the owner of the property or an emphyteuta or a tenant with all the necessary authority to apply for this grant	<input type="checkbox"/>
I confirm that I (or any member of the household) have not obtained any other grants or subsidies for this system either from public or national funds or EU funds	<input type="checkbox"/>
I confirm that the property where the system is installed is residential and is used by myself for residential purposes only	<input type="checkbox"/>
I confirm that I am not applying on behalf of an undertaking (carrying out an economic activity) and am not a landlord of the property where the system is installed	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am aware of Article 57 (Durability of Operations) of the Council Regulation EC/1083/2006 and shall abide by it	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am aware that any publicity of technology installed would need to abide by EU funding publicity regulations	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am aware that all the information submitted in this application may be cross checked with other government departments	<input type="checkbox"/>

(ii) – Additional Grant eligibility questions for solar water heating technology – Please tick at least one box to confirm and complete as appropriate:

I am in receipt of the energy voucher	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am a Gozo resident	<input type="checkbox"/>
My household annual gross income is € _____ which is less than €16,070	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have purchased a residence to be used as a 'sole ordinary residence' in terms of Cap. 364 section 32(4)(a)	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am in receipt of the children's allowance and my annual gross income is less than Euro 23,923	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am in receipt of social assistance in accordance to the Social Security Act (Chapter 318 of the Laws of Malta)	<input type="checkbox"/>

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MRA ref.no \_\_\_\_\_

**Section E - Documents accompanying Part I of the application form:**

Please specify number of documents attached:

Original quotation containing seller and buyer details, segregated prices, description of product and date of purchase	<input type="checkbox"/>
Photocopy of ID card	<input type="checkbox"/>
Photo of the installation location, plus one photo taken from project location showing view to the south	<input type="checkbox"/>
Complete electricity bill for the project location or evidence of site control required for new construction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Any of the following documents: (please tick document attached)	
Recent social security statement related to social assistance or unemployment assistance	<input type="checkbox"/>
Or	
-Energy Voucher Statement	<input type="checkbox"/>
Or	
-FS3 statement or tax statement	<input type="checkbox"/>
Or	
-Children's Allowance Statement	<input type="checkbox"/>
Or	
-Contract for the purchase of a property under € 120,000 as 'sole ordinary residence' or declaration from a notary stating the price of the property purchased and that the residence is a 'sole ordinary residence'	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Section G – Applicant's Declaration**

I, the undersigned, certify that I have read and understood the requirements and conditions set for the grant available on the MRA website [www.mra.org.mt](http://www.mra.org.mt)<sup>5</sup>. The information provided in this form is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any attempt to misrepresent information in this application will invalidate this application and disqualify me from all claims to future rebates. I am aware that MRA auditors and other national and European authorities may perform on site inspections and that my name together with the investment aid granted may appear on public documents.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Section H– Notes**

- Data Protection: Personal information provided on this application (Parts I, II and III) is protected and used in accordance with the Data Protection Act. The information shown on this application form will be used and shared by/with the Malta Resources Authority and its agents, the Ministry for Finance, the VAT department and other Government entities and EU bodies involved in administering and supervising the scheme. The MRA may also use this information to demonstrate market transformation trends.
- In cases where the supplier does not conform to any provisions set out in the scheme, the supplier/installer shall be obliged to either change the equipment to bring the installations within the provisions of the scheme or pay the grant to the end consumer. This does not exclude the possibility that the end consumer may take legal action against the retailer to provide him with equipment as originally requested.
- You are advised to send your application by mail to:
 

Malta Resources Authority  
Millennia, Aldo Moro Road,  
Marsa, MRS9065
- Further information can be found on the MRA website: [www.mra.org.mt](http://www.mra.org.mt). This application form may also be revised periodically. Please check the website to ensure that you have the latest version.

<sup>5</sup> A copy of the scheme documents may be obtained from MRA offices

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Submission date \_\_\_\_\_

MRA ref.no \_\_\_\_\_



***Promotion of Energy efficiency and Renewable Sources of Energy In the domestic Sector – Solar Water Heating Application Part III***

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**PART II - Technical information to be filled in by the retailer of the equipment before purchase and installation**

**Retailer details**

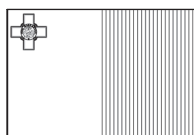
Name: _____	Surname: _____
Position: _____	
Address: _____	
Email address: _____	
Registration number: _____	

**Technical details of installation**

Technology to be installed (tick only one)	Solar Water heater	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Solar Collector	<input type="checkbox"/>

**For solar water heaters:**

Water Storage Capacity (litres): _____
Collector size(m <sup>2</sup> ): _____ Evacuated tube or flat plate: _____
Equipment Model: _____
Equipment Manufacturer: _____
Quoted price: _____



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**For Solar Collectors:**

Collector size(m <sup>2</sup> ):	Evacuated tube or flat plate:
Collector Model:	
Collector Manufacturer:	
Quoted price:	

**Documents accompanying application form:**

Please specify number of documents attached:

ORIGINAL quotation containing seller and buyer details, segregated prices, description of product and date of purchase	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**Retailer's Declaration**

The information provided in this form is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any attempt to misrepresent information in this application will invalidate this application and disqualify me from all claims to future rebates.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Retailer's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name in block letters

Retailer's Company Stamp:

**Note:**

- Full technical literature to allow the MRA to assess the system is required, in accordance with the guidelines. There is the opportunity for retailers or installers to pre-register their products with the MRA to ensure that the system qualifies for the grant. Prospective applicants who intend to import systems directly are also urged to pre-register their systems themselves PRIOR to making any commitments.
- In cases where the supplier does not conform to any provisions set out in the scheme, the supplier/installer shall be obliged to either change the equipment to bring the installations within the provisions of the scheme or pay the grant to the end consumer. This does not exclude the possibility that the end consumer may take legal action against the retailer to provide him with equipment as originally requested.



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**PART III**

**Completion Form – to be filled in by retailer and applicant after receipt of grant offer letter and purchase and installation of equipment**

This form should be completed in full and left with the customer. It will need to be attached to the aid scheme application form and submitted to Malta Resources Authority. Please make sure that the model numbers correspond to the model numbers on the documentation sent in the pre approval stage. This form should be accompanied with the items listed below (*please tick boxes to confirm that documents have been attached*):

- |   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| Original fiscal receipts  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Photographs of the rating plates and inverters (where applicable) of technologies installed | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Photographs of the installation site  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Photocopy of MEPA Permit (where required)   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Photocopy of 5 year guarantee   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Original bank transfer statement (for overseas purchases only)                              | <input type="checkbox"/> |

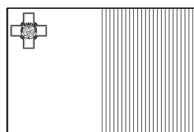
**Applicant details:**

Name:	Surname:
ID Card No:	
MRA Ref.no:	

I confirm that the technology as specified in the grant offer (with the MRA reference number detailed above) has been installed and is operational at the site specified in the grant offer. This claim is final.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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**Completion Certificate for Solar Water Heaters**

This should be completed in full and left with the customer. It will need to be attached to the aid scheme application form Part III and must be submitted to Malta Resources Authority within the time period indicated on the grant offer letter.

**TEST RESULTS****SWH specification at standard Testing Conditions**

Solar Water heater Manufacturer & Model	
SWH Serial number	
Collector Manufacturer and Model	
Collector Serial number	
Tank maximum capacity (litres)	

Name and Surname of Installer \_\_\_\_\_

**Declaration by Installer**

I, the undersigned installer, hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge all the technical content contained in this application and any attached technical information is correct and complete, and that I shall undertake the direction of and responsibility for the complete installation works related to this solar water heater system and the attached information. The system design is in line with current best practice and the system has been installed according to safety best practice and is installed in such a manner as to comply with legal requirements.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name in full: \_\_\_\_\_

## Nru. 162

**MINISTERU GĦAR-RIŻORSI  
U AFFARIJET RURALI**

**Għotja fuq Xiri ta' Sistemi Fotovoltajiċi fis-Settur  
Domestiku**

BIEX ikompli jinkoraġġixxi t-titjib fl-użu tal-enerġija li jipproduċi l-pajjiż, il-Ministru responsabbli għar-Riżorsi u Affarijiet Rurali, wara konsultazzjoni mal-Ministru tal-Finanzi, Ekonomija u Investiment qed iniedi din l-iskema finanzjata mill-UE li ġejja li hi mmirata biex tinkoraġġixxi l-użu ta' sistemi fotovoltajiċi għal użu domestiku li jnaqqsu l-użu ta' enerġija, jew li jużaw għejun ta' enerġija li jiġġeddu.

## SKEMA

## 1. Tifsir

F'din l-iskema, kemm-il darba r-rabta tal-kliem ma tkunx teħtieġ xorta oħra:

'applikant' tfisser persuna li tagħmel applikazzjoni għal għotja skond din l-iskema, li hi residenti f'Malta, li jkollha 18-il sena jew aktar fid-data li fiha tkun preżentat l-applikazzjoni u li tkun detentriċi skond artikolu 2 tal-Att dwar il-Karta tal-Identità, Kap. 258 tal-Liġijiet ta' Malta;

'applikazzjoni' tfisser applikazzjoni għal għotja li tkun saret b'dak il-mod kif meħtieġ mill-Awtorità u skond din l-iskema;

'Awtorità' tfisser l-Awtorità ta' Malta dwar ir-Riżorsi mwaqqfa permezz tal-artikolu 3 tal-Att dwar l-Awtorità ta' Malta dwar ir-Riżorsi (Kap. 423 tal-Liġijiet ta' Malta);

'bejjiegh' jew 'bejjiegh bl-imnut' tfisser bejjiegh jew bejjiegh bl-imnut li jkun registrat mal-Awtorità bħala bejjiegh jew bejjiegh bl-imnut ta' sistemi eliġibbli għall-finijiet ta' din l-iskema;

'data effettiva' tfisser is-16 ta' Frar, 2010;

'Malta' għandu jkollha l-istess tifsira mogħtija lilha f'artikolu 3 tal-Att dwar l-Interpretazzjoni (Kap. 249 tal-Liġijiet ta' Malta);

'prezz tax-xiri tas-sistema fotovoltajika' tfisser il-prezz finali tax-xiri tas-sistema kif jidher fuq l-irċevuta fiskali jew fuq ir-rendikont ta' trasferiment tal-bank, kif jista' jkun il-każ;

'riċevuta fiskali' għandu jkollha l-istess tifsira mogħtija lilha fit-Tlettax-il Skeda tal-Att dwar it-Taxxa fuq il-Valur Miżjud (Kap. 406 tal-Liġijiet ta' Malta);

## No. 162

**MINISTRY FOR RESOURCES  
AND RURAL AFFAIRS**

**A Grant for the Purchase of Photovoltaic Systems  
in the Domestic Sector**

IN order to further encourage the better use of the energy being generated by the country, the Minister responsible for Resources and Rural Affairs, after consultation with Ministry for Finance, Economy and Investment has made the following EU funded scheme which aims to encourage the use of photovoltaic systems for domestic use that reduce the use of energy, or use renewable sources of energy.

## SCHEME

## 1. Interpretation

In this scheme, unless the context otherwise requires:

'applicant' means any person who makes an application for a grant in terms of this Scheme, is a resident of Malta, is 18 years of age or more on the day of the submittal of the application and who is a holder in terms of article 2 of the Identity Card Act, (Cap. 258 of the Laws of Malta);

'application' means an application for a grant made in such manner as required by the Authority and in terms of this scheme;

'Authority' means the Malta Resources Authority established by Article 3 of the Malta Resources Authority Act (Cap. 423 of the Laws of Malta);

'seller' or 'retailer' means a seller or retailer who is registered with the Authority as a seller or retailer of photovoltaic systems eligible for the purposes of this scheme;

'effective date' means the 16th February 2010;

'Malta' shall have the same meaning as in article 3 of the Interpretation Act (Cap. 249 of the Laws of Malta);

'purchase price of the photovoltaic system' means the final purchase price of the system as shown on the fiscal receipt or on the bank transfer statement, as the case may be;

'fiscal receipt' shall have the same meaning as in the Thirteenth Schedule of the Value Added Tax Act (Cap. 406 of the Laws of Malta);

'sistema', 'sistemi', jew 'tagħmir' tfisser sistemi fotovoltajċi, approvati mill-Awtorità bhala eliġibbli għal din l-iskema, meta jilhqgħu l-htigijiet imsemmija fin-Notifikazzjoni tal-Gvern imsejha 'Reġistrazzjoni ta' *Solar Water Heaters, Solar Collectors u Sistemi Fotovoltajċi*';

'sistema fotovoltajċa' tfisser sistema li tikkonsisti f'moduli fotovoltajċi u *inverters* għal użu domestiku li tkun installata go fond residenzjali, li minn dak is-sistema, l-enerġija tax-xemx tiġi mibdula f'enerġija elettrika, u liema sistema tkun imqabba mal-grilja nazzjonali tal-elettriku;

'sistema nazzjonali ta' distribuzzjoni tal- elettriku' tfisser is-sistema għad-distribuzzjoni tal-enerġija elettrika f'Malta;

'skema' tfisser l-iskema għal għotja fuq ix-xiri ta' sistemi, stabbilita minn din in-Notifikazzjoni tal-Gvern;

'użu domestiku' tfisser l-użu li jsir minn sistema fotovoltajċa go fond residenzjali, liema fond ikun qed jintuża minn applikant għal finijiet residenzjali jew ta' abitazzjoni biss u ma tinkludix użu minn sidien tal-kirja jew żviluppaturi, jew persuni li jkunu qiegħdin iwettqu xi attività ekonomika fil-post fejn is-sistema fotovoltajċa tkun ser tiġi installata.

## 2. Applikabbiltà

Din l-iskema għandha tapplika għall-infiq li jkun sar mill-applikant meta jixtri sistema fotovoltajċa għal użu domestiku reġistrata taħt in-Notifikazzjoni tal-Gvern imsejha 'Reġistrazzjoni ta' *Solar Water Heaters, Solar Collectors u Sistemi Fotovoltajċi*', u li l-infiq ikun sar fi żmien erbà xhur mid-data tal-ħruġ tal-ittra tal-offerta tal-għotja skond il-proċedura stabbilita minn din in-Notifikazzjoni tal-Gvern. L-infiq li jkun sar mill-applikant għal sistemi fotovoltajċi li ma jintużawx fil-fond residenzjali tiegħu mhumiex eliġibbli għal għotja skond din l-iskema.

## 3. Infiq li għandu jiġi rapportat

L-infiq li għandu jiġi rapportat għandu jkun dak li jkun intefaq f'dak li għandu x'jaqsam mal-prezz tax-xiri tas-sistema fotovoltajċa kif ikun jidher fuq l-irċevuta fiskali meta x-xiri jkun sar minn bejjiegħ bl-imnut jew bejjiegħ li jkun fiżikament jinsab Malta, jew fuq ir-rendikont ta' trasferiment tal-bank fil-każ ta' xiri minn bejjiegħa jew bejjiegħa bl-imnut li ma jinsabux fiżikament Malta.

4. Mod ta' applikazzjoni u dokumenti li għandhom jiġu preżentati flimkien mal-applikazzjoni

i. Biex applikazzjoni tkun valida taħt din l-iskema hija għandha tiġi preżentata lill-Awtorità mill-applikant qabel ix-xiri tas-sistema fotovoltajċa, fil-formola murija fi Skeda III li tinsab ma' din in-Notifikazzjoni tal-Gvern u għandu

'system', 'systems', or 'equipment' means photovoltaic systems approved by the Authority as eligible for this scheme, when meeting the requirements contained in the Government Notice entitled 'Registration of Solar Water Heaters, Solar Collectors and Photovoltaic Systems';

'photovoltaic system' means a system consisting of photovoltaic modules and inverters for domestic use that is installed at a residential premises, through which system, solar energy is converted into electrical energy, and which system is connected to the national electric grid;

'national electricity distribution system' means the system for distributing electric energy throughout Malta;

'scheme' means the scheme for a grant on the purchase of systems, established by this Government Notice;

'domestic use' means the use made of a photovoltaic system at a residential premises, which premises is used by an applicant for residential or habitation purposes only and does not include use by landlords or developers, or persons carrying out an economic activity at the place where the photovoltaic system is to be installed.

## 2. Applicability

This scheme shall apply to the expenditure that is incurred by an applicant when purchasing a photovoltaic system for domestic use registered under the Government Notice entitled 'Registration of Solar Water Heaters, Solar Collectors and Photovoltaic Systems', and which expenditure is made within four months from the date of issue of the grant offer letter in terms of the procedure established by this Government Notice. Expenditure made by an applicant for photovoltaic systems not used at his residential premises is not eligible for a grant in terms of this scheme.

## 3. Expenditure to be reported

The expenditure to be reported shall be that incurred in respect of the purchase price of the photovoltaic system as shown on the fiscal receipt when the purchase is made from a retailer or seller physically located in Malta, or on the bank transfer statement in case of purchases made from sellers or retailers physically not located in Malta.

4. Manner of application and documents to be submitted together with the application

i. For an application to be valid under this scheme, it has to be submitted to the Authority by the applicant prior to the purchase of the photovoltaic system, in the form contained in Schedule III to this Government Notice and shall contain

jkun fiha l-informazzjoni, id-dettalji u d-dokumenti kollha msemmija f'dik il-formola, u kif jista' jkun meħtieġ skond din l-iskema, u kif elenkat fil-linjigwida u noti gwida murija fi Skeda II li tinsab ma' din in-Notifikazzjoni tal-Gvern;

ii. L-applikazzjonijiet għandu jkollhom magħhom id-dokumenti elenkati fil-formola tal-applikazzjoni, u kull dokument ieħor li l-Ministru responsabbli għar-Riżorsi u Affarijiet Rurali, b'konsultazzjoni mal-Ministeru tal-Finanzi, Ekonomija u Investiment jista' jeħtieġ u jgħarraf minn żmien għal żmien permezz ta' avviz fil-Gazzetta;

iii. Dawk l-applikazzjonijiet biss li jkunu konformi mal-ħtiġijiet kollha ta' din l-iskema għandhom ikunu eliġibbli għall-ħlas tal-għotja msemmija fi klawnsola 5 ta' din in-Notifikazzjoni tal-Gvern. Applikazzjoni preżentata minn applikant lill-Awtorità ma għandiex tkun meqjusa valida, qabel ma' is-sistema fotovoltajika tkun eliġibbli taħt din l-iskema. L-applikanti huma meħtieġa jivverifikaw li s-sistema fotovoltajika li huma jkollhom intenzjoni li jixtru tkun reġistrata mal-Awtorità.

Applikazzjonijiet li ma jkunux konformi ma' xi waħda mill-kriterji meħtieġa mill-iskema fiż-żmiental-applikazzjoni għandhom jiġu rifjutati;

iv. Sistema fotovoltajika m'għandiex tkun eliġibbli taħt din l-iskema jekk tkun installata qabel il-ħruġ ta' ittra tal-offerta tal-għotja mill-Awtorità;

v. Il-fondi li huma disponibbli għall-iskema huma limitati. Għaldaqstant, in-numru ta' għotjiet disponibbli u li jistgħu jingħataw għandhom ikunu limitati kif jidher fi Skeda I li tinsab ma' din in-Notifikazzjoni tal-Gvern.

L-applikazzjonijiet għandhom ikunu proċessati u l-għotjiet mogħtija skond l-ordni ta' kif ikunu ġew riċevuti mill-Awtorità, sakemm id-disponnibiltà tal-fondi tkun intużat. L-Awtorità tista' wkoll, fid-diskrezzjoni tagħha, tirċievi applikazzjonijiet meta l-fondi disponibbli għall-iskema jkunu intużaw. Dik l-irċevuta ta' applikazzjonijiet mill-Awtorità m'għandha, bl-ebda mod ikun kif ikun, timplika xi forma ta' responsabbiltà min-naħa ta' l-Awtorità jew tal-Gvern biex iħallsu xi ammont ta' flus.

Fl-eventwalità lil-Awtorità tibqa' tirċievi applikazzjonijiet wara d-data minn meta l-fondi disponibbli għall-iskema jkunu intużaw, l-irċevuta tal-applikazzjonijiet wara dik id-data m'għandha titqies, bl-ebda mod ikun kif ikun, bħala aċċettazzjoni jew approvazzjoni tal-applikazzjoni għall-finijiet ta' din in-Notifikazzjoni tal-Gvern.

L-applikazzjonijiet li jkunu ġew ippreżentati qabel id-data effettiva għandhom jiġu rifjutati u għandhom ikunu meqjusa awtomatikament bħala invalidi.

all the information, details and documents as mentioned in such form, and as may be required in terms of this scheme, and as listed in the guidelines and guidance notes contained in Schedule II to this Government Notice;

ii. Applications shall be accompanied by the documents listed in the application form, and any other document which the Minister responsible for Resources and Rural Affairs, upon consultation with the Ministry for Finance, Economy and Investment may require and make known from time to time by means of a notice in the Gazette;

iii. Only those applications that are in compliance with all the requirements of this scheme shall be eligible for the payment of the grant referred to in clause 5 of this Government Notice. An application submitted by an applicant may not be considered as valid by the Authority, prior to the photovoltaic system being eligible under this scheme. Applicants are required to verify that the photovoltaic system they intend to purchase is registered with the Authority.

Applications that do not meet any of the criteria required by the scheme at the time of application shall be rejected;

iv. A photovoltaic system shall not be eligible under this scheme if installed prior to the issue of a grant offer letter by the Authority;

v. The funds which are available for the scheme are limited. Therefore, the number of grants available and to be awarded shall be limited as shown in Schedule I to this Government Notice.

Applications shall be processed and grants awarded according to their order of receipt by the Authority, until the availability of funds is exhausted. The Authority may also, at its discretion, receive applications when the funds available to the scheme have been exhausted. Such receipt of applications by the Authority shall not, in any manner whatsoever, imply any form of liability, or to give rise to any form of obligation on the part of the Authority or the Government to pay any amount of money.

In the eventuality that the Authority continues to receive applications after the date from when the funds available to the scheme have been exhausted, the receipt of any applications after that date shall not be considered, in any manner whatsoever, as an acceptance or approval of the application for the purposes of this Government Notice.

Applications that are submitted prior to the effective date shall be rejected and shall be deemed automatically invalid.

## 5. Għotja li tiffallas taht din l-iskema

(i) L-applikanti jistgħu japplikaw għal għotja għal sistema fotovoltajika fil-formola li tinsab fi Skeda I li tinsab ma din in-Notifikazzjoni tal-Gvern u kif indikat fil-linjigwida u noti gwida li jinsabu fi Skeda II li tinsab ma' din in-Notifikazzjoni tal-Gvern. L-applikanti li jkunu rċevew għotja għal sistema fotovoltajika fis-snin 2008 u 2009 m'għandhomx ikunu eligibbli għal għotja oħra mogħtija taht din l-iskema.

(ii) Il-validità tal-għotja għandha tibqà isseħħ biss jekk is-sistema fotovoltajika tibqa' installata u tintuża, u m'għandhiex tiġi mibdula b'dak il-mod li jista' jnaqqas il-prestazzjoni tagħha, għal perjodu minimu ta' hames snin mid-data tal-ħruġ tal-ittra tal-offerta tal-għotja mill-Awtorità. Għandha tkun ir-responsabbiltà tal-applikant li jiżgura li din il-kundizzjoni tkun mharsa matul dan il-perjodu taż-żmien kollu. Applikanti li jonqsu milli jonoraw din il-kundizzjoni għandhom iħallsu lura l-ammont tal-għotja, flimkien mal-interessi legali li jibdeu jiddekorru mill-għurnata li tkun ingħatat l-għotja, lill-Awtorità.

(iii) Fil-każ fejn il-fond li fih is-sistema fotovoltajika tkun installata, jiġi mibjugħ jew b'xi mod trasferit jew vakat mill-applikant, u s-sistema fotovoltajika tinzamm mill-propjetarju jew l-okkupant il-ġdid, il-kuntratt tal-bejgħ jew trasferiment, għandu jispeċifika t-trasferiment tal-obbligi stabbiliti minn din in-Notifikazzjoni tal-Gvern, minn fuq l-applikant għal fuq il-propjetarju jew l-okkupant il-ġdid tal-fond, u f'nuqqas ta' dan l-applikant li għalih l-għotja kienet oriġinarjament inħarġet għandu jibqa' responsabbli għall-osservanza tal-kundizzjonijiet kollha relatati mal-ħruġ tal-għotja.

## 6. Hlas tal-għotja

L-Awtorità ta' Malta dwar ir-Riżorsi għandha toħroġ iċ-cheque għall-għotja rilevanti malli l-applikant jikkonforma ruħu b'mod sodisfaċenti mal-kundizzjonijiet u l-ħtiġijiet kollha għall-ħruġ tal-għotja.

Iċ-cheque għandu jiġi mibgħut bil-posta lill-applikant. L-indirizz tal-posta korrett għandha jingħata lill-Awtorità mill-applikant għal dan l-għan.

## 7. Bejjieġha jew bejjieġha bl-imnut eligibbli

Bejjieġha jew bejjieġha bl-imnut, kemm jekk jinsabu fiżikament Malta jew barra minn Malta, jistgħu jirreġistraw is-sistema fotovoltajika jew tagħmir tagħhom skond in-

## 5. Grant payable under this scheme

(i) Applicants may apply for a grant for a photovoltaic system in the form found in Schedule I to this Government Notice and as indicated in the guidelines and guidance notes found in Schedule II to this Government Notice. Applicants who have received a grant for a photovoltaic system in the years 2008 and 2009 shall not be eligible for another grant issued in terms of this Scheme.

(ii) The validity of the grant shall continue to subsist only if the photovoltaic system remains installed and in use, and shall not be modified in such a way as to degrade its performance, for a minimum period of five years from the date of the issue of the grant offer letter by the Authority. It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that this condition is complied with throughout this whole period of time. Applicants that fail to honour this condition shall refund the amount of the grant, together with legal interest accrued as from the day of its granting, to the Authority.

(iii) In the case where the premises wherein the photovoltaic system is installed, is sold or in any manner transferred or vacated by the applicant, and the photovoltaic system is retained by the new owner or occupier, the contract of sale or transfer whereby the property is transferred, shall specify the transfer of the obligations established by this Government Notice, from the applicant to the new owner or occupier of the premises, in default of which the applicant to whom the grant was originally issued shall remain responsible for the observance of all conditions related to the issue of the grant.

## 6. Payment of grant

The Malta Resources Authority shall issue the cheque for the relevant grant amount upon satisfactory compliance by the applicant with all the conditions and requirements for the issue of the grant.

This cheque shall be mailed to the applicant. The correct mailing address shall be provided to the Authority by the applicant for this purpose.

## 7. Eligible sellers or retailers

Sellers or retailers, whether physically located in Malta or overseas may register their photovoltaic system or equipment in accordance with the Government Notice

Notifikazzjoni tal-Gvern imsejha 'Registrazzjoni ta' *Solar Water Heaters, Solar Collectors* u Sistemi Fotovoltajċi', iżda f'kull każ, biex sistemi fotovoltajċi jew tagħmir ikunu eliġibbli taħt din l-iskema, dawn għandhom ikunu reġistrati b'mod xieraq skond in-Notifikazzjoni tal-Gvern imsemmija hawn qabel.

#### 8. Eliġibbiltà ta' sistemi fotovoltajċi

i. Applikazzjonijiet għal registrazzjoni ta' sistemi fotovoltajċi għall-finijiet ta' din l-iskema għandhom isiru skond in- Notifikazzjoni tal-Gvern imsejha 'Registrazzjoni ta' *Solar Water Heaters, Solar Collectors* u Sistemi Fotovoltajċi'. Sistemi fotovoltajċi li se jinxtraw mill-applikant mingħand bejjiegħa jew bejjiegħa bl-innut barra minn Malta għandhom ikunu reġistrati mill-applikant skond in-Notifikazzjoni tal-Gvern imsemmija hawn qabel.

ii. L-applikanti huma avżati biex jivverifikaw jekk is-sistema fotovoltajċa tkunx eliġibbli taħt l-iskema maħruġa permezz tan-Notifikazzjoni tal-Gvern imsejha 'Registrazzjoni ta' *Solar Water Heaters, Solar Collectors* u Sistemi Fotovoltajċi' qabel ma jipprezentaw l-applikazzjoni tagħhom, minhabba li r-registrazzjonijiet ta' prodotti jew tagħmir li jkunu saru minn bejjiegħa jew bejjiegħa bl-innut jistgħu' jitneħħew f'kull waqt mill-Awtorità, wara li jkun ingħata avviz xieraq, u raġunijiet ġustifikati lill-bejjiegħa jew bejjiegħa bl-innut mill-Awtorità u kif meħtieġ min-Notifikazzjoni tal-Gvern imsejha 'Registrazzjoni ta' *Solar Water Heaters, Solar Collectors* u Sistemi Fotovoltajċi'.

#### 9. Validità ta' l-applikazzjoni

L-applikazzjoni m'għandhiex titqies li giet preżentata kemm-il darba din ma tkunx mimlija u kompluta f'kull dettall materjali u kemm-il darba ma jkunx fiha l-informazzjoni kollha meħtieġa u ma jkollhiex id-dokumentazzjoni kollha meħtieġa. L-applikazzjoni għandha titqies li tkun giet approvata mill-Awtorità biss meta tkun approvata b'mod speċifiku bil-miktub lill-applikant permezz ta' l-ittra tal-offerta tal-għotja msemmija fi klawnsola 2 ta' din in-Notifikazzjoni tal-Gvern.

#### 10. Tul tal-iskema

Applikazzjonijiet għal din l-iskema jistgħu ikunu riċevuti b'mod validu mit-18 ta' Jannar 2010. L-iskema tibqa valida sal-31 ta' Diċembru 2010 u ma tibqax fis-seħħ minn hemm

entitled 'Registration of Solar Water Heaters, Solar Collectors and Photovoltaic Systems', provided that in all cases, for photovoltaic systems or equipment to be eligible under this scheme, these shall be duly registered with the aforementioned Government Notice.

#### 8. Eligibility of photovoltaic systems

i. Applications for the registration of photovoltaic systems for the purposes of this scheme shall be made in accordance with the Government Notice entitled 'Registration of Solar Water Heaters, Solar Collectors and Photovoltaic Systems'. Photovoltaic systems to be purchased by an applicant from overseas sellers or retailers shall be registered by the applicant in accordance with the aforementioned Government Notice.

ii. Applicants are advised to verify whether a photovoltaic system is eligible under the scheme established by the Government Notice entitled 'Registration of Solar Water Heaters, Solar Collectors and Photovoltaic Systems' prior to their submittal of the application since registrations of products or equipment made by sellers or retailers may be withdrawn at any time by the Authority, after giving due notice, and justified reasons, to the seller or retailer by the Authority and as required by Government Notice entitled 'Registration of Solar Water Heaters, Solar Collectors and Photovoltaic Systems'.

#### 9. Validity of application

An application shall not be deemed to have been submitted unless it is full and complete in all material particulars and unless it contains all the information required, and is accompanied by all documentation requested. An application shall be deemed to have been approved by the Authority only when specifically approved in writing to the applicant by means of the grant offer letter mentioned in clause 2 of this Government Notice.

#### 10. Duration of the scheme

Applications for this scheme may be validly received as from 18th January 2010. The scheme shall remain valid till the 31st of December 2010 and shall cease thereafter

'il quddiem. Din l-iskema tista' tiġi mibdula jew mitmuma qabel dik id-data permezz ta' avviż fil-Gazzetta. Din l-iskema tista' tiġi mġedda kif il-Ministru responsabbli għar-Riżorsi u Affarijiet Rurali b'konsultazzjoni mal-Ministru tal-Finanzi, Ekonomija u Investiment jista' jidhirlu xieraq ukoll permezz ta' avviż fil-Gazzetta.

#### 11. Emendi għall-iskema

Il-Ministru responsabbli għar-Riżorsi u Affarijiet Rurali b'konsultazzjoni mal-Ministru tal-Finanzi, Ekonomija u Investiment, għandu jkollu f'kull waqt id-dritt li jagħmel kull emenda għal din l-iskema għal din l-iskema permezz ta' avviż fil-Gazzetta ippubblikat li jkun jinkludi dawk l-emendi.

#### SKEDA I

Lista ta' perċentaġġi u massimi ta' għotja

Sistemi fotovoltajiċi: 50% ta' nfiq eliġibbli sa massimu ta' 3,000 Euro. Massimu ta' 416 abitazzjonijiet domestiċi għandhom jibbenifikaw minn din l-iskema.

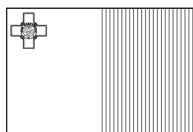
#### SKEDA II

Linjigwida u noti gwida

#### SKEDA III

Formola ta' applikazzjoni parti I, parti II u parti III

It-12 ta' Frar, 2010



Programm Operattiv I – Politika ta' Koeżjoni 2007-2013  
 Ninvestu fil-Kompetittività għal Kwalità ta' Hajja Aħjar  
 Proġett parzjalment iffinanzjati mill-Unjoni Ewropea  
 Fond għall-Iżvilupp Reġjonali Ewropew (FŻRE)  
 Rata ta' Ko-finanzjament: 85% Fondi tal-UE; 15% Fondi Nazzjonali  
 Ninvestu fil-Futur Tiegħek



*Operational Programme I – Cohesion Policy 2007-2013  
 Investing in Competitiveness for a Better Quality of Life  
 Project part-financed by the European Union  
 European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)  
 Co-financing rate: 85% EU Funds; 15% National Funds  
 Investing in your future*

to be in force. This scheme may be modified or terminated before that date by means of a notice in the Gazette. This scheme may be renewed as may be deemed necessary by the Minister responsible for Resources and Rural Affairs upon consultation with the Ministry of Finance, Economy and Investment also by means of a notice in the Gazette.

#### 11. Amendments to the scheme

The Minister responsible for Resources and Rural Affairs upon consultation with the Ministry of Finance, Economy and Investment, shall at all times have the right to make any amendments to this scheme by means of a notice published in the Gazette containing such amendments.

#### SCHEDULE I

List of grant percentage and maxima

Photovoltaic systems: 50% of eligible costs up to a maximum of Euro 3,000. A maximum of 416 households shall benefit from this scheme.

#### SCHEDULE II

Guidelines and guidance notes

#### SCHEDULE III

Application form, part I, part II and part III

12th February, 2010



***Promotion of Energy efficiency and use of renewable Sources of Energy In the domestic Sector-Guidelines***

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## SCHEDULE II

### Guidelines and guidance notes

In order to further encourage the use of renewable sources of energy for domestic use, the following Grant Scheme has been launched. The scheme is part financed by the European Regional Development Fund.

## GRANT SCHEME

### Introduction

The application for a grant is made by the householder and the contractual arrangements are between the householder and the programme administrators (Malta Resources Authority). The application form is divided in three parts. Applicants must complete Part I of the application with their personal details. Part II must be completed by the retailer and Part III by both the retailer and the applicant. Part I and Part II must be completed and submitted to the Malta Resources Authority prior to the purchase and installation of the equipment and Part III has to be completed and submitted to the Malta Resources Authority when the equipment is installed.

Part I and Part II will be processed, and available funds shall be allocated, in accordance with the Government Notice published by the Ministry for Resources and Rural Affairs. Funds for the scheme are limited, and applications are processed on a first-in first-out basis. There is no guarantee that all applications will be successful, even if all eligibility criteria are met.

### Steps in Applying for the PV Grant Scheme

#### ***Step 1***

Read the guidelines on how to apply under the PV Grant Scheme.

#### ***Step 2***

Contact eligible suppliers of the systems to help assess electricity demands, conduct a review of energy use and determine the appropriate type and size of system required. It is recommended that the applicant should contact more than one potential supplier.

**Step 3**

Ensure that you have obtained planning permission for your Photovoltaic installation (where applicable).

**Step 4**

Fill in Part I and Part II of the grant scheme application form in conjunction with the supplier, and submit to the Malta Resources Authority together with the required documentation. Note that at this stage, the application is not yet assessed much less approved and no grant offer has been made in your case. Part I and Part II of the application must be approved by the Malta Resources Authority **before** equipment is purchased and installed.

**Step 5**

If the scheme criteria are met and the application is successful you will receive a **grant offer letter**; and you may subsequently purchase and install the system. Successful applications may be published on the website.

**Step 6**

When the installation of the PV system has been completed, fill in the MRA notification form and submit it to the MRA, together with Part III of the grant scheme application form including all required documentation. Grant scheme completion forms must reach the MRA within the date indicated on the grant offer letter.

**Step 7**

The Malta Resources Authority will assess the grant scheme application and the details of the installed system against information provided in the original pre-purchase application (part I and part II of the application).

**Step 8**

Payments of grant schemes will be processed after receipt of a fully and correctly completed Part III grant scheme application including all required attachments. The grant will be paid to the applicant through a cheque made by the Malta Resources Authority.

**Note:** The MRA requires full details (entered into the relevant forms or attached as required) to assess applications and reserves the right to suspend processing of incomplete applications until all necessary details have been provided. The MRA will advise any applicant so affected of the necessary details required to complete an application.

Your application will be assessed to make sure all the information and documents supplied meet the grant requirements. The MRA may contact other Government Departments to verify that the information submitted in the applications is correct.

Once your application meets all the criteria and is approved, the Malta Resources Authority will issue the cheque representing the relevant grant amount. The Authority is required to ensure that the scheme and related funds it administers meet the objective of providing environmental benefits. For this reason, one of the conditions of the grant is that the system will remain installed and in use, and will not be modified in such a way as to degrade its performance for a period of at least five years after installation. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that this condition is met. The retailer shall therefore include a warranty of 5 years on the system. If the equipment is not according to the information claimed in the application and to the requirements of the scheme, the grant will not be processed or the sum paid will have to be returned to the Malta Resources Authority with legal interest. MRA auditors may inspect, and you accept to undergo such inspections by applying for a grant under the scheme, the supported pv system installed in your house during this five year period. In applying for the grant, you are agreeing to accept and facilitate such inspection.

A grant will only be paid once the installation has been completed. The application form must be sent in with the documentation listed in the application form.

## **1. Interpretation**

In this Scheme, unless the context otherwise requires:

‘applicant’ means any person, who is a resident of Malta and is 18 years of age or over on the day of application and has made an application for a grant in terms of this Scheme;

‘Authority’ and ‘MRA’ mean the Malta Resources Authority;

‘date of purchase’ means the date on the last original fiscal receipt relating to the purchase, provided that this date is not later than one year after the date of order;

‘duration of the scheme’ means the period between, and including, the effective date and the termination date;

‘effective date’ means the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2010;

‘fiscal receipt’ means a receipt as defined in the Thirteenth Schedule of Chapter 406 - the Value Added Tax Act, Act XX111 of 1998 as subsequently amended - and also includes any regulation made by the same Act;

'application' means an application for a grant made in such manner as required by the Authority and in terms of this scheme;

'Malta' means the Maltese Islands;

'Micro-generation' means the production of heat or electricity on a small scale from a low carbon source;

'you' or 'your' refers to the individual named as the applicant in the application;

'technology' or 'technologies' refers to the micro-generation technology type to be installed at the property;

'owner' includes 'joint ownership', 'emphyteuta' includes 'joint-emphyteuta' and 'tenant' includes 'joint-tenant', and 'emphytueta' includes 'sub-emphyteuta' and 'tenant' includes 'sub-tenant';

'RES system' means new solar photovoltaic systems for this scheme;

'PV system' means new solar photovoltaic systems;

'domestic use' means the use made of a photovoltaic system at a residential premises, which premises is used by an applicant for residential or habitation purposes only and does not include use by landlords or developers, or persons carrying out an economic activity at the place where the photovoltaic system is to be installed.

'termination date' shall mean the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010; \_\_\_

'date of order' means the date on the invoice or of the first original fiscal receipt, whichever is earlier.

## **2. Area of applicability**

This Scheme applies to the expenditure that is incurred on the purchase of a PV system purchased for domestic use and installed in Malta, for which an application has been made for the duration of the Grant Scheme. Grants will not be payable in respect of technologies installed in caravans, boats or boathouses.

### **3a. Eligible Applicant**

To be eligible, an applicant must:

- have obtained planning permission (where required) for the installation. The building should also be covered by a planning permit;

- You must be the freehold owner of the property OR the owner of a long leasehold interest in the property (i.e. a leasehold term with more than 5 years remaining) with all necessary consents from the owner of the property. If you are a joint owner of the property, you are entitled to apply for a grant on behalf of the other joint owners provided they have agreed to your doing so and will comply as necessary with all of these terms and conditions. The property must be used principally by you or your family for your own private residential purposes. You are not entitled to receive a grant if the property is used principally for business purposes, including the letting of the property on a commercial basis (even if your tenants' use of the property will be residential);
- not obtain any other grants or subsidies for this system from any other schemes that include national or public funds such as Government of Malta funds or EU funds.
- install the equipment in a residential premises and is not used by the applicant to carry out an economic activity or as an undertaking;
- not be applying on behalf of an undertaking and not be a landlord of the property where the system is installed;
- provide the MRA with a bank account to enable transfer of the grant amount directly to the applicant's account;
- allow MRA or EU Auditors to perform on site inspection of the equipment installed and facilitate such inspections;
- For PV systems, the applicant must accept that the applicant's name together with the eligible grant amount may appear on public documents.
- Connect the photovoltaic installation to the Enemalta grid.

Other members of the same household may not apply for a grant on the same technology (i.e. photovoltaic panels).

Lack of adequate sun exposure of the PV panels will disqualify an installation.

The Authority reserves the right to refuse the grant and take legal action to recover the amount granted with interests and any other costs incurred, in case of:

- incorrect information being stated by the applicant in this application;
- some conditions of the scheme are not being met; or
- the grant having been already given.
- other reasons where the 'bona fide' intention of the applicant is manifestly missing.

## **4. Eligible expenditure**

### **4.1 Purchases from the Local Market**

The expenditure to be claimed must be in respect of the purchase price as shown on the original fiscal receipt in terms of Article 51 of the VAT Act. The Treasury Division reserves the right to request the original bank transfer if deemed necessary. This may also apply in cases of payments by electronic means, whereby an official bank document such as a Statement of Account must be presented.

### **4.2 Purchases from the Foreign Market**

In case of overseas purchases, the expenditure to be claimed should be in respect of the purchase price shown on the receipt. Expenditure must also be supported by the original bank transfer issued by a financial institution. In cases of payments made by electronic means, an official bank document such as a Statement of Account must be presented.

### **4.3 The eligible costs are:**

- For PV: Cost of photovoltaic generation equipment and inverter, including VAT but excluding (i) the cost of any extended warranty beyond the standard warranty that installers are required to provide as part of the sale; (ii) the cost of any other materials, works or other costs such as, but not limited to, any cost of general wiring at property; and (iii) costs of permits or certification, (iii) and for overseas purchases, the duty charges for local importation.

## **5. Eligible Technology**

The chosen technology model and manufacturer must be registered with the MRA. The registered list of manufacturers and models will be accessible on [www.mra.org.mt](http://www.mra.org.mt)<sup>1</sup>. The product manufacturer is the company that makes the product. The model is the version of the product that has been selected for use. It is your responsibility to ensure that approved products are used. All photovoltaic installations must be grid connected according to Network Code and Enemalta requirements.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** you must not enter into a binding contractual commitment or otherwise pay out any money (including any deposit) in relation to the purchase of a technology or the carrying out of any installation work (other than certain preliminary ground or civil water works) before receiving a grant offer letter. If you fail to comply with this requirement, you may not receive an grant offer letter, either because MRA exercises its right not to make an offer where particular requirements are not met and/or because insufficient funds are available) and you may find, as a result, that you are committed to paying the full cost of the technology/installation work yourself.

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<sup>1</sup> The registered list may be obtained from MRA offices.

## 6. Manner of application and supporting documents

- (i) Applications under this Scheme shall be made by the applicant in the form, set out in the Schedule to this Scheme and shall contain all the information, details and documents as required in the said form and in terms of this Scheme.
- (ii) Prospective applicants who intend to import systems directly are also urged to pre-register their systems themselves PRIOR to making any commitments. Full details of the overseas retailer from whom the system is imported must be given and Part II of the application form may be sent by e-mail. The Malta Resources Authority will need to verify all overseas purchases. An original bank transfer statement must be submitted with the application form as proof of purchase.
- (iii) Retailers are required to register their equipment as soon as it is available for sale.
- (iv) Applications shall be accompanied by the documents listed in the application form.
- (v) Only those applications that are found to conform to all the provisions of this Scheme shall be eligible for payment of the grant referred to in paragraph 8 of the Scheme.

## 7. Grant Claim Deadline

Grants are valid for four months from the date of the grant offer letter.

Please confirm with your qualified installer an installation date for your technology. If your installation has not been completed within the given timeframe your grant will expire and a claim cannot be made. If you are unable to install a system within the timescales outlined above, do not submit a grant application at this time. We will welcome an application when you are ready to install subject to availability of funds and to the termination date of the scheme.

## 8. Grant payable under this Scheme

The applicable grant is as follows:

Photovoltaic systems: 50% of eligible costs<sup>2</sup> up to a maximum of €3,000;

## 9. Payment of Grant

Once all criteria are met and application has been approved, the application will be passed for payment and a cheque representing the relevant grant amount will be issued. This cheque will be mailed to the applicant. The correct mailing address shall be provided to the Authority by the applicant on Part I of the application for this purpose.

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<sup>2</sup> Eligible costs are the costs of the technology chosen as per section 4 of these guidelines.

## **10. Validity of application**

An application shall not be deemed to have been submitted unless it is full and complete and unless it contains all the information and is accompanied by all the documentation requested therein.

## **11. Duration of the Scheme**

This Scheme shall remain in force until the termination date unless modified/terminated beforehand by means of a Notice in the Government Gazette, and may be renewed as deemed necessary. Applications relating to purchases on, or before the termination date shall continue to be accepted, for a period of three months from the termination date.

## **12. Amendments to the Scheme**

The Malta Resources Authority shall have the right to make any amendments to this Scheme by the publication of the said amendments in the Government Gazette or to publish clarifications to the Scheme by the publication of such clarifications on its website [www.mra.org.mt](http://www.mra.org.mt)

## **13. Period of operation**

The Authority is required to ensure that the funds it administers provide a certain amount of environmental benefits. For this reason, one of the conditions of the grant is that the system will remain installed and in use, and will not be modified in such a way as to degrade its performance for a period of at least five years after installation. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that this condition is met. The retailer shall therefore include a warranty of 5 years on the system. The Malta Resources Authority and other national and European authorities may perform on site inspections throughout this five year period to ensure that the equipment is still in operation.

## **14. Guarantees of origin and feed-in fees**

The owner of a system on which a grant has been paid shall not be automatically eligible to any guarantees of origin or to any changes to the tariff structures for the purchase (by the distribution system operator - Enemalta) of electricity produced by the system.

## **15. Audit**

The Authority and other national and European authorities have to be able to verify, if need be, that any grants paid by MRA were used for the purposes intended by the grant scheme. For this reason, you must ensure that you comply with the record keeping and inspection requirements set out in the following paragraphs.

- (a) You must keep a record of all relevant documentation that you obtain in relation to the technology and its installation, including in particular the original of any quotations and invoices from the relevant qualified installer or any other contractors involved in the installation work. You must keep these records for at least 5 years following payment of the grant and if MRA asks you to do so at any time (and as long as it gives you reasonable prior notice) you must allow authorised representatives of MRA and/or its agents and/or any national and European audit bodies to inspect and take copies of these records.
- (b) If MRA asks you to do so at any time (and as long as it gives you reasonable prior notice) you must permit MRA and its authorised inspectors or other representatives to have access to the property for the purposes of inspecting the technology and/or verifying whether the energy efficiency measures required by these terms and conditions have been put in place.
- (c) If the MRA asks you to do so at any time, you must provide such additional information and co-operation as MRA may request for the purposes of MRA monitoring energy use of the property and/or the performance of the technology. The MRA will be entitled to use this information, amongst other things, for the purposes of publishing reports in relation to the relevant technology.

## **16. Publicity**

If at any time you use the technology in any advertising or otherwise publish any information about the technology, you must make clear as part of the relevant activity that you have received a grant using EU funds. However, you must not do or say anything that may lead a third party to believe that you are acting as an agent of the Authority.

The names of applicants and the corresponding grant given may appear in public official documents.

Stickers containing the EU funding logo will be distributed with the grant offer letter. These stickers are to be attached to the equipment installed in your premises.

## **17. Data Protection**

Acceptance of funding is an automatic acceptance of the individuals inclusion in the publication (electronic or otherwise) of the list of applicants, the names of the operations and the amount of public funding allocated to the operation in line with Article 7(2)(d) of Commission Regulation 1828/2006.

Personal information provided is protected and used in accordance with the Data Protection Act. The information shown on this application form will be used and shared by/with the Malta Resources Authority and its agents, the Ministry for Finance, the VAT department and other Government entities and EU bodies involved in administering and

supervising the scheme. The MRA may also use this information to demonstrate market transformation trends.

The authority may check information given by the applicant with relevant authorities and/or Government entities in Malta.

### **18. Compliance with legislation**

Compliance with planning permission requirements: In this context, compliance to development permission implies that the PV installation (and the building where this installation is sited) complies with a valid development permit, or is permitted development under the Development Notification Order.

You must ensure that in carrying out any activities in connection with the installation and use of the technology you and anyone acting on your behalf complies with all applicable laws and regulations. This grant is subject to Maltese legislation. The grant is also made to the applicant personally and may not be transferred. The grant does not confer any rights. The MRA will not lose any right that it has under these terms and conditions if it does not exercise that right or delays in exercising it.

### **19. Liability**

- The MRA cannot and does not guarantee or underwrite the performance of any technology and you should ensure that the retailer and installer you contract with provides you with all necessary information in relation to the warranty cover they will be providing.
- In cases where the supplier does not conform to any provisions set out in the scheme, the supplier/installer shall be obliged to either change the equipment to bring the installations within the provisions of the scheme or pay the grant to the end consumer. This does not exclude the possibility that the end consumer may take legal action against the retailer to provide him with equipment as originally requested.

### **20. Type of Technology**

The technology to be installed at the property must be applicable to the requirements of the call of the grant scheme. Technical details of the system and model number are required to ensure that the equipment being purchased is in fact applicable to the scheme. As at the date on which these terms and conditions were issued, grants are only available in relation to particular types of micro-generation technology, as follows:-

- Solar photovoltaics, grid connected, with an installed capacity of more than 0.5kW;

In addition, the specific technology (i.e. the specific type of micro-generation product) to be installed at the property must have specific approval by the MRA.

The installed system must be compliant with applicable regulation and technical codes such as the national Network Code.

## **21. Implementation Process**

Part 1 and Part II of the application will be received by MRA from the date indicated on the Government Notice prior to the purchase and installation of the technology chosen. The MRA will check eligibility of the applicant and of the chosen technology. MRA auditors may inspect the site of installation. Eligible applications will be processed on a first come first served basis; A grant offer letter will be sent indicating the grant amount, model, installation address and the date when the installation must be complete. A letter of rejection will be sent to non-compliant applicants. The reason for rejection will be indicated on the letter. Any appeals from rejected applicants will be assessed by an Appeals Committee specifically appointed to hear appeals from decisions made under this scheme. Applicants will be informed of the Appeals Committee decision.

Applicants who receive their grant offer letter will be able to purchase and install their equipment in the time period indicated on their grant offer letter. Once the equipment has been installed, Part III of the application form may be submitted with the required attachments. This will be assessed by MRA. MRA auditors may be sent to verify that the equipment installed conforms to what has been stated in the application. Applications that conform to the scheme requirements will receive the grant through a bank transfer. Part III applications that do not conform to the grant offer letter and to the scheme requirements will be rejected. A letter of rejection will be sent to the applicants. Rejected applicants may submit their appeals to the Appeals Committee. The decision of the Appeals Committee is final.

### **Guidance notes to the application form – step by step**

#### **The Application form explained**

*Applicant details:* This section requires factual information about you as the applicant. We will consider that you are willing to communicate by email if you provide us with your email address.

*Address where system is to be installed:* This section requires detailed information on the installation address. In case there are ambiguities about the address, applicants are advised to provide a site map with a clear indication of the installation address. This is required to ensure that the technology is installed in a local residence and to permit Malta Resources Authority auditors to perform on-site inspections.

*Mailing Address:* This needs to be filled in if you would like correspondence to be mailed to a different address from the installation address given in section B.

*Grant eligibility questions:* You must check whether your installation requires a MEPA clearance. Where MEPA permit is not required, mark as not applicable.

We need to confirm that you are entitled to install the system. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have obtained any agreements required from joint-owners or other parties.

You may not apply for further funding on a system if funds have already been provided on this system from other schemes that are not managed by the MRA.

Other members of the same household may not apply for a grant on the same technology (i.e photovoltaic panels).

*Documents accompanying application:*

- Original quotation containing seller and buyer details, segregated prices and description of product is required to verify price and model number of technology to be purchased.
- Photocopy of ID card is required to ensure that applicant is a domestic user.
- An official document (certified true copy of third party certificate) listing the technical details of the system if not already provided by the retailer.
- A copy of a complete electricity bill or statement of account issued by the electricity provider, or partial electricity bill plus receipt. The name of the applicant should be shown as the account holder, while the service address should refer to the site where the system is to be installed.

Failure to mark any of the grant eligibility questions will automatically disqualify your application.

*Applicant's Declaration:* The declaration must be signed to ensure that the applicant is aware of the conditions for the grant amount and that the applicant is accepting these conditions.

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*Retailer's Details:* This section requires factual information about the retailer to enable Malta Resources Authority to communicate with the retailer and make the necessary checks. We will consider that the retailer is willing to communicate by email if the email address is provided to us.

**For PV installations:**

*Equipment Model:*

*Inverter Model:*

*Equipment Manufacturer:*

*Module type:*

The equipment model and manufacturer will define characteristics of your preferred technology. The model numbers may be found on the equipment plates or from manufacturer's technical documentation. The manufacturer is the company that designed and built the technology you intend to purchase.

*Electrical Output Power in kilowatt peak (kWp)*

This is the theoretical output power in kilowatt peaks of the complete PV panels when installed.

*Quoted price:* This refers to the price to be paid for your technology and must correspond to the price stated on the original fiscal receipt after you purchase the equipment. This information is required to calculate the applicable grant amount. Please see the guidelines to see what is eligible for the grant.

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This form should be completed in full and left with the customer. Please make sure that the model numbers correspond to the model numbers on the documentation sent in the pre-approval stage (application form Parts I and II) and with those on the rating plates installed on your equipment. This form should be accompanied with the following items:

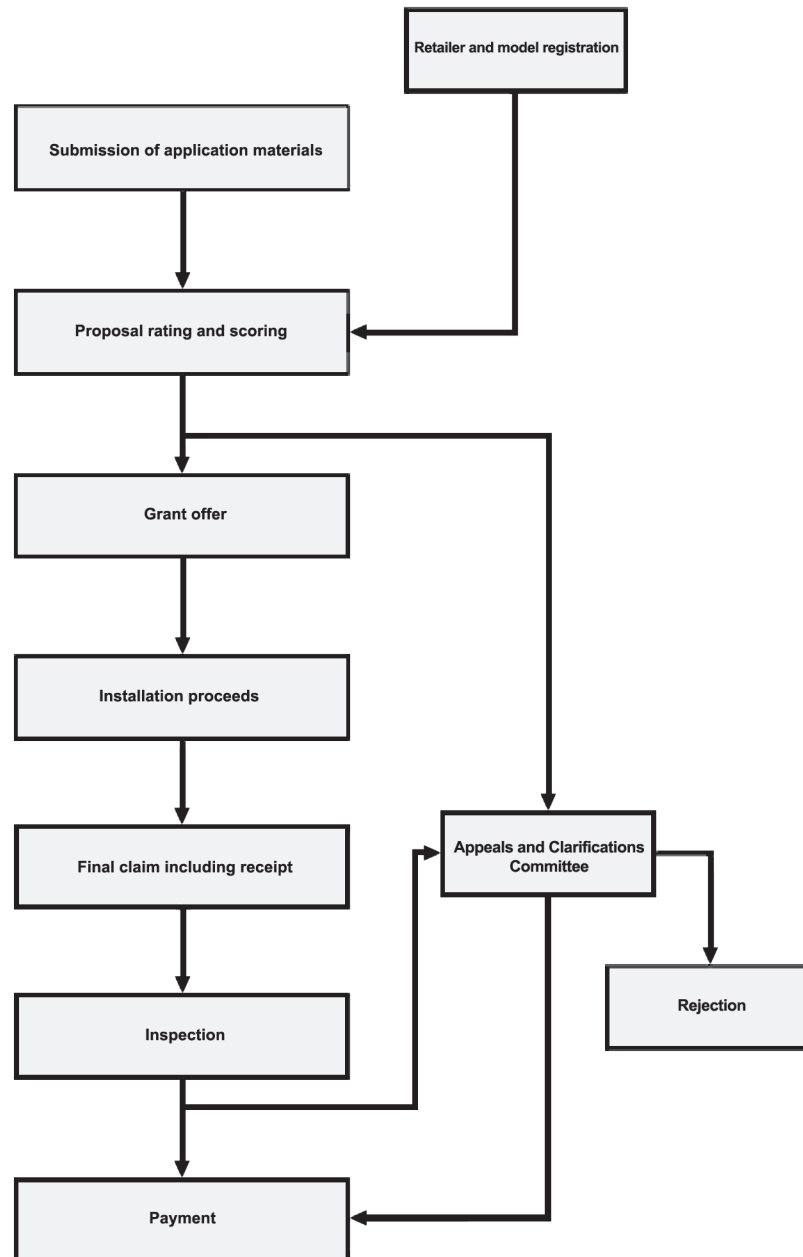
- Original fiscal receipts. In the case of computerised receipts, the original invoice should also be submitted;
- Photographs of the rating plates clearly showing the module model number and serial number of each module of technologies installed;
- Photographs of the installation site showing the equipment installed;
- Photocopy of MEPA Permit (where required);
- Photocopy of 5 year guarantee;
- Original bank transfer statement (for overseas purchases only).

Requirements for original invoices and original receipts may be found on [www.mra.org.mt](http://www.mra.org.mt)<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> A copy of the requirements for original invoices and receipts may be obtained from MRA offices.

**Annex 1 – Flow Chart**



## SCHEDULE III

Application form, part I, part II and part III



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**Please ensure that you complete all sections of the form, including those overleaf. Applications that are not fully completed will not be processed. Faxes and photocopies of a completed application form are not acceptable. An application form has to be completed for each RES system purchased. Applicants must complete this form in conjunction with the installer and supplier of the proposed renewable generation system. The following parts should be completed:**

- **Parts I – before purchase and installation**
- **Parts II – before purchase and installation**
- **Part III – after purchase and installation and after approval of grant.**

**PART I to be filled in by the applicant before purchase and installation**

**Section A – Applicant Details**

Name:	Surname:
ID Card No:	Telephone No:
E-mail:	MobileNumber

**Section B – Address where system is to be installed**

House name or number:	
Street:	
Locality:	Post Code:

**Section C - Mailing address**

If you would like scheme correspondence to be mailed to a different address from the installation address given above, please complete this part. If not completed, all correspondence will be mailed to the address identified in Section B.

House name or number:	
Street:	
Locality:	Post code:

**Section D: Grant eligibility questions for all technologies - Please tick boxes to confirm**

I confirm that I will obtain planning permission (where required) for this installation	<input type="checkbox"/>
I confirm that I am the owner of the property or an emphyteuta or a tenant with all the necessary authority to apply for this grant	<input type="checkbox"/>
I confirm that I (or any member of the household) have not obtained and will not obtain any other grants or subsidies for this system either from public or national funds or EU funds	<input type="checkbox"/>
I confirm that the property where the system is installed is residential and is used by myself for residential purposes only	<input type="checkbox"/>
I confirm that I am not applying on behalf of an undertaking (carrying out an economic activity) and am not a landlord of the property where the system is installed	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am aware of Article 57 (Durability of Operations) of the Council Regulation EC/1083/2006 and shall abide by it	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am aware that any publicity of technology installed would need to abide by EU funding publicity regulations	<input type="checkbox"/>
I confirm that my photovoltaic installation will be grid connected according to Enemalta requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am aware that all the information submitted in this application may be cross checked with other government entity and authorise the MRA to ask any other government entity to provide the required information.	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Section E - Documents accompanying Part I of the application form: Please specify number of documents attached:**

ORIGINAL quotation containing seller and buyer details, segregated prices, description of product and date of purchase	<input type="checkbox"/>
Photocopy of ID card	<input type="checkbox"/>
Photo of the installation location, plus one photo taken from project location showing view to the south	<input type="checkbox"/>
Photocopy of complete electricity bill (including remittance advice) for the project location	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Section F – Applicant’s Declaration**

I, the undersigned, certify that I have read and understood the requirements and conditions set for the grant available on the MRA website [www.mra.org.mt](http://www.mra.org.mt)<sup>4</sup>. The information provided in these applications (Parts I, II, and III) is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any attempt to misrepresent information in this application will invalidate this application and disqualify me from all claims to future rebates. I am aware that MRA auditors and other national and European authorities may perform on site inspections and that my name together with the investment aid granted may appear on public documents.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

<sup>4</sup> A copy of the scheme documents may be obtained from MRA offices

\_\_\_\_\_  
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**PART II - Technical information to be filled in by the retailer / importer of the equipment before purchase and installation**

**Retailer / importer's details**

Name: _____	Surname: _____
Position: _____	
Address: _____	
Email address: _____	
Registration number: _____	

**For PV installations:**

System model number _____
Number of modules: _____ Wattage per module: _____
Module Model: _____
Module Manufacturer: _____
Inverter Model and Manufacturer _____
Electrical output power in kilowatt peak (kWp): _____
Quoted price <sup>5</sup> : € _____

**Documents accompanying application form:**

Please specify number of documents attached:

ORIGINAL quotation containing seller and buyer details, segregated prices, description of product and date of purchase <input type="checkbox"/>
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<sup>5</sup> Full amount to be paid by consumer to retailer



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**Declaration**

The information provided in this form is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any attempt to misrepresent information in this application will invalidate this application and may disqualify me from any future schemes.

I confirm that the equipment has already been registered in accordance with Government Notice

Registration of Solar Water Heaters, Solar Collectors and Photovoltaic Systems of 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Importer / Retailer's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name in block letters

Retailer's Company Stamp<sup>6</sup>:

**Note:**

- Prospective applicants who intend to import systems directly are urged to pre-register their systems themselves PRIOR to making any commitments.
- In cases where the supplier does not conform to any provisions set out in the scheme, the supplier/installer shall be obliged to either change the equipment to bring the installations within the provisions of the scheme or pay the grant to the end consumer. This does not exclude the possibility that the end consumer may take legal action against the retailer to provide him with equipment as originally requested.

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<sup>6</sup> Required if the equipment is pre registered by a registered retailer in accordance with Government Notice Registration of Solar Water Heaters, Solar Collectors and Photovoltaic Systems of 2010



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### PART III

**Completion Form – to be filled in by retailer and applicant after receipt of grant offer letter and purchase and installation of equipment**

This form should be completed in full. The application form and the documents indicated below need to be submitted to Malta Resources Authority within 4 months from receipt of grant offer letter. Please make sure that the model numbers correspond to the model numbers indicated in Part II of the application form as sent in the pre-approval stage.

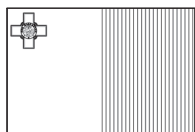
#### Section A – Applicant Details

Name:	Surname:
ID Card No:	Telephone No:
E-mail:	MobileNumber
MRA Reference Number:	
MRA Notification Number	

#### Section B - Documents accompanying application form:

Please tick the documents attached:

Original fiscal receipts	<input type="checkbox"/>
Photographs of the rating plates of technologies installed	<input type="checkbox"/>
Photographs of the installation site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Photocopy of MEPA Permit (where required)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Photocopy of 5 year guarantee	<input type="checkbox"/>
Original bank transfer statement (for overseas purchases only)	<input type="checkbox"/>



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## Declaration by the applicant

I, the undersigned applicant, hereby confirm that to the best of my knowledge, the information given in this application and any attached information is true and correct, and that it represents accurately the data being requested. I undertake to inform the Malta Resources Authority of any changes in the information contained in this application, and I authorise the Malta Resources Authority to carry out the necessary investigations in order to verify this information. I understand that the conditions for acceptance of this application may be changed and/or altered by the Malta Resources Authority from time to time. I also undertake to give any other information that may be requested from time to time by the Authority. I understand that the Authority shall not be precluded from taking action in the event that the installation is not carried out in accordance with the content of this application or does not conform with the requirements of Government Notice XXX of 2009 or of any other legislation. I confirm that the technology as specified in the grant offer (with the MRA reference number detailed above) has been installed and is operational at the site specified in the grant offer. This claim is final.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name in Full: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Completion Certificate for Photovoltaic Panels**

This should be completed in full and left with the customer. It will need to be attached to the aid scheme application form Part III and must be submitted to Malta Resources Authority within the time period indicated on the grant offer letter.

TEST RESULTS

**PV Module specification at standard Testing Conditions**

Manufacturer & Model of modules	
Rated Power (Pmax) per module	Watts
Open Circuit Voltage (Voc) per module	VDC
Short Circuit Current (Isc) per module	Amps DC
Maximum Voltage (Vpmax) per module	VDC
Maximum current (Ipmax)	Amps DC

**Declaration (to be completed by Engineer)**

I confirm that the above system incorporating PV panels and inverters has been installed and commissioned at the above address. The system design is in line with current best practice and has been grid connected according to Enemalta requirements and with the required aid scheme regulations. The system is installed in such a manner as to comply with legal requirements.

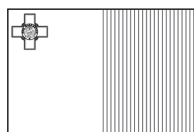
The system is operating correctly. I have explained the system to the customer and handed over all the instruction documentation including warranty details.

Name and Surname of Engineer \_\_\_\_\_ Warrant No: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Notes**

- In cases where the supplier does not conform to any provisions set out in the scheme, the supplier/installer shall be obliged to either change the equipment to bring the installations within the provisions of the scheme or pay the grant to the end consumer. This does not exclude the possibility that the end consumer may take legal action against the retailer to provide him with equipment as originally requested.



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## AVVIŻI TAL-QORTI – COURT NOTICES

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AVVIŻ  
MIR-REĠISTRU  
QORTI ĊIVILI (SEZZJONI FAMILJA)

Billi r-rikorrent Cleaven Formosa (KI 214779M) ippreżenta rikors ġuramentat (Nru. 38/10 NC) fejn talab il-KORREZZJONI TAL-ATT TAT-TWELID tal-minuri Thea u Zven bin-numri 3671/2009 u 3670/2009 rispettivament fir-Registru Pubbliku.

Kull min jidhirlu li għandu interess u jrid jopponi dik it-talba, b'dan l-avviż huwa msejjaħ sabiex ifisser il-fehma tiegħu, b'nota li għandha tiġi ppreżentata fir-Registru ta' dawn il-Qrati fi żmien hmistax-il ġurnata mill-ħruġ ta' dan l-avviż fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern.

Dawk illi, fiż-żmien fuq imsemmi, ikunu ppreżentaw dik in-nota, għandhom jiġu notifikati b'kopja tar-rikors ġuramentat hawn fuq imsemmi bil-ġurnata li tiġi mogħtija għas-smiġħ tal-kawża.

B'ordni tal-Qorti,

Registru tal-Qorti Superjuri,  
Illum 9 ta' Frar 2010.

CORA AZZOPARDI  
Għar-Registratur, Qrati Ċivili u Tribunali

NOTICE  
REGISTRY OF THE  
CIVIL COURT (FAMILY SECTION)

Whereas the plaintiff Cleaven Formosa (ID 214779M) filed an application under oath (No. 38/10 NC) demanding CORRECTIONS in the ACT OF BIRTH of the minor children Thea and Zven numbers 3671/2009 and 3670/2009 respectively in the Public Registry.

Whosoever may have an interest therein, and wishes to oppose that demand, is hereby called upon to do so, by means of a note to be filed in the Registry of these Courts, within fifteen days from the day of the publication of this present notice in the Government Gazette.

Those who, within the aforesaid time, shall have filed such note, shall be notified by the service of a copy of the said application under oath, of the day which will be appointed for the hearing of the case.

By order of the Court,

Registry of the Superior Court,  
This 9th of February 2010.

CORA AZZOPARDI  
For the Registrar, Civil Courts and Tribunals

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B'digriet mogħti mill-QORTI ĊIVILI, PRIM' AWLA fid-9 ta' Frar, 2010 fuq rikors ta' BIANCHI LOUIS DOTT. ġie ffissat il-jum tat-Tnejn, 8 ta' Marzu, 2010 fid-9.00 a.m. għall-BEJGH BL-IRKANT li kien ġie ordnat b'digriet tad-9 ta' Frar, 2010 li għandu jsir f'SOL Y AIR, TRIQ ANT. SCHEMBRI, SAN ĠWANN tal-oġġetti hawn taht deskritti maqbudin mingħand GOLD VICTORY LIMITED.

Għamara u oġġetti oħra.

N.B L-imsemmija oġġetti jinbiegħu bħalma ġew deskritti fl-atti tas-subbasta bin-numru 6/2010.

Registru tal-Qrati Superjuri, illum it-Tlieta, 9 ta' Frar, 2010.

DOTT. NADYA FIOTT, LL.D.  
Deputat Registratur

By decree given by the CIVIL COURT, FIRST HALL on 9th February, 2010 on the application of BIANCHI LOUIS DR., Monday, 8th March, 2010 at 9.00 a.m., has been fixed for the SALE BY AUCTION ordered by a decree given on the 9th February, 2010 to be held at SOL Y AIR, TRIQ ANT. SCHEMBRI, SAN ĠWANN of the following items seized from the property of GOLD VICTORY LIMITED.

Furniture and other objects.

N.B The said objects will be sold as described in the acts of the judicial sale by auction number 6/2010.

Registry of the Superior Courts, this Tuesday, 9th February, 2010.

DR NADYA FIOTT, LL.D.  
For the Registrar of Courts

B'dan l-Avviz ikun magħruf illi b'rikors ipprezentat fil-Qorti Ċivili Sezzjoni ta' Ġurisdizzjoni Volontarja fl-1 ta' Frar 2010, Rikors Numru 80/2010, minn Vincenza Mallia fejn talbet li tiġi ddikjarata miftuha favur Vincenza Mallia u Joseph, aħwa Cauchi, aħwa tad-decujus, u dan fi kwota ta' kwart (1/4) indiviż kull wieħed u waħda minnhom; favur in-neputijiet Maria sive Mareilla Baldacchino, George u Lino (Carmel Paul) aħwa Cauchi ulied il-mejjet Giovanni Cauchi; dan tal-aħħar hu d-decujus u dan fi kwoti ta' parti waħda minn ttax-il parti (1/12) indiviża kull wieħed u waħda minnhom; u favur in-neputijiet Charles u Silvio aħwa Muscat, ulied il-mejta Mary Muscat, din tal-aħħar oħt id-decujus, u dan fi kwota ta' ottava parti (1/8) kull wieħed is-SUĊĊESSJONI ta' ħuha Joseph Cauchi, ġuvni, iben il-mejtin Carmelo u Antonia neè Zammit, imwieled Hamrun, kien residenti fl-Isptar San Vincenz de Paule, Luqa fejn miet fl-4 ta' Ottubru 2009 ta' 65 sena u li kellu karta tal-identità numru 0201644(M) u li miet bla testament.

Kull min jidhirli li għandu interess huwa msejjaħ biex b'nota jagħmel l-oppożizzjoni tiegħu a tenur tal-Artikolu 537 (1) et seq tal-Kodiċi ta' Organizzazzjoni u Proċedura Ċivili (Kap. 12).

Registru tal-Qorti Ċivili Sezzjoni ta' Ġurisdizzjoni Volontarja.

Illum 9 ta' Frar 2010.

ALEXANDRA DEBATTISTA  
Għar-Registratur Qrati Ċivili u Tribunali

By means of an application filed in Civil Court Voluntary Jurisdiction Section, on the 1st February 2010, Application number 80/2010 by Vincenza Mallia, whereby she prayed that it be declared open in favour of Vincenza Mallia and Joseph, brother and sister Cauchi, brother and sister of the decujus, and this in the quota of one fourth (1/4) undivided share each one of them; in favour of his nephews and nieces Maria sive Mareilla Baldacchino, George and Lino (Carmel Paul) brothers and sisters Cauchi children of the late Giovanni Cauchi; the later brother of the decujus and this in the quota of one twelfth (1/12) undivided part each one of them; and in favour of the nephews Charles and Silvio brothers Muscat, children of the late Mary Muscat, the later sister of the decujus, and this in quota of one eighth (1/8) each one of them the SUCCESSION of her brother Joseph Cauchi, bachelor, son of the late Carmelo and Antonia neè Zammit, born in Hamrun and residing in Saint Vincent de Paul, Luqa where he died on the 4th October 2009, intestate, aged 65 holding identity card number 0201644(M).

Thus whoever considers that he has an interest is called so that by means of a note he enters his opposition according to Article 537(1) et seq of the Code of Organization and Civil Procedure (Cap. 12).

Registry of the Civil Court Voluntary Jurisdiction Section.

Today 9th February 2010.

ALEXANDRA DEBATTISTA  
For the Registrar Civil Court and Tribunals

Permezz ta' digriet mogħti mill-Qorti tal-Maġistrati (Malta) fit-12 ta' Novembru 2009, fl-atti tal-ittra uffiċjali numru 5708/04, fl-ismijiet Mirage Holdings Ltd vs Joseph Sammut ordnat is-segwenti pubblikazzjoni biex isservi ta' notifika fil-konfront tal-intimat a tenur tal-Artikolu 187(3) tal-Kap. 12.

Permezz ta' ittra uffiċjali pprezentata fil-Qorti tal-Maġistrati (Malta) lil Joseph Sammut ta' 142, Our Lady of Sorrows Street, Pietà, fit-30 ta' Settembru 2004, Mirage Holdings Ltd (C6808) ta' Flamingo Showrooms, Cannon Road, Qormi, tinterpellak sabiex fi żmien erbat ijiem tħallasha l-ammont komplessiv ta' €684.84, kwantu għal €626.60 import ta' 8 kambjali li kopja tagħhom hija hawnhekk annessa u mmarkata Dok 1 sa Dok 8, minnek aċċettati u

By means of a decree given by Courts of Magistrates (Malta) on the 12th November 2009, in the records of the judicial letter number 5708/04, in the names Mirage Holding Ltd vs Joseph Sammut, ordered the following publication for the purpose of service of the respondent in terms of Article 187(3) of Cap. 12.

By means of a judicial letter filed in the Courts of Magistrates (Malta) against Joseph Sammut of 142, Our Lady of Sorrows Street, Pietà, on the 30th September 2004, Mirage Holding Ltd (C6808) of Flamingo Showrooms, Cannon Road, Qormi, calls upon you so that within four days you pay the global amount of €684.84, as for €626.60 import of eight (8) bills of exchange that a copy of which is annexed and marked (Dok 1 to Dok 8), accepted and signed

ffirmati, li d-data ta' maturità tagħhom skadiet, kwantu għal €58.23 bħala mgħaxxijiet dovuti fuq l-istess kambjali.

Il-mittenti javżak illi jekk jgħaddi ż-żmien inutilment jinħarġu l-mandati opportuni kontra tiegħek.

Bl-ispejjeż.

Registru tal-Qrati tal-Magistrati (Malta), illum 9 ta' Frar 2010.

ALEXANDRA DEBATTISTA  
Għar-Registratur tal-Qrati Ċivili u Tribunali

by you, whose maturity date has lapsed, as for €58.23 as interest due on the same bills of exchange.

The interpellant informs you that if the time given to you uselessly passes the opportune warrants will be issued against you.

With costs.

Registry of the Courts of Magistrates (Malta) today 9th February 2010.

ALEXANDRA DEBATTISTA  
For the Registrar, Civil Courts and Tribunals

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B'digriet mogħti fit-2 ta' Dicembru 2009, fl-Atti tar-Rikors Ġuramentat, fl-ismijiet Pace Charles et vs Abdilla Alfred, rikors numru 920/09 JA, il-Qorti Ċivili Prim'Awla, ordnat is-segwentu pubblikazzjoni, biex isservi ta' notifika fil-konfront tal-konvenut, a tenur tal-Artikolu 187(3) tal-Kap. 12.

Permezz ta' Rikors Ġuramentat ipprezentat fil-Prim'Awla tal-Qorti Ċivili, fl-ismijiet Charles Pace (KI 398852M) u Mosta Auto Dealers Company Limited (C 3923) vs Alfred Abdilla (KI 488965M) fit-23 ta' Settembru 2009, ir-rikorrenti Charles Pace pro et noe, talab lil din l-Onorabbli Qorti:

1. Tawtorizza r-ripreża tal-fond imsemmi fir-rikors, bl-ispejjeż, kontra l-konvenut, ingunt għas-subizzjoni.

Lista ta' xhieda.

Rikorrenti: Mosta Auto Dealers Limited, Triq il-Kostituzzjoni, Mosta.

Intimati: Apartment numru 3, Blokk G1, Qasam tal-Bini tal-Gvern, Triq it-Trincetta, Mosta.

Ir-Rikors Ġuramentat, fl-ismijiet Pace Charles et Abdilla Alfred, rikors numru 920/09 JA, jinsab differit għas-smiġh għall-15 ta' Frar 2010, fl-9.45 a.m.

Registru tal-Qrati Superjuri, illum 9 ta' Frar 2010.

AVV. FRANK PORTELLI, LL.D.  
Għar-Registratur, Qrati Ċivili u Tribunali

By means of a decree given on the 2nd December 2009, in the Records of the Sworn Application, in the names Charles Pace vs Alfred Abdilla, application no. 920/09 JA, the Civil Court First Hall ordered the following publication for the purpose of service of the defendant company, in terms of Article 187(3) of Chapter 12.

By means of a sworn application filed in the Civil Court First Hall in the names Charles Pace, (ID 398852M) and Mosta Auto Dealers Company Limited (C 3923) vs Alfred Abdilla (ID 488965M) on the 23rd September, 2009, the applicant Charles Pace pro et noe asked this Honourable:

1. To authorise them to take back the premises mentioned in the application, with costs against the defendant, summoned so that a reference to his evidence be made.

List of witnesses:

Applicant: Mosta Auto Dealers Limited, Triq il-Kostituzzjoni, Mosta.

Respondents: Apartment number 3, Block G1, Qasam bini tal-Gvern, Triq it-Trincetta, Mosta.

The Sworn Application, in the names Pace Charles et vs Abdilla Alfred, application number 920/09 JA, has been put off for hearing to the 15th February 2010, at 9.45 a.m.

Registry of the Superior Courts, today 9th February 2010.

ADV. FRANK PORTELLI, LL.D.  
For the Registrar, Civil Courts and Tribunals

B'digriet mogħti fl-14 ta' Jannar 2010, fl-Atti tar-Rikors Ġuramentat, fl-ismijiet Farrugia Bernard M/B Benny vs Muscat Peter Paul et, rikors numru 1020/09 AL, l-Qorti Ċivili Prim'Awla, ordnat is-segwenti pubblikazzjoni, biex isservi ta' notifika fil-konfront tas-soċjetà konvenuta, a tenur tal-Artikolu 187(3) et. tal-Kap. 12.

Permezz ta' Rikors Ġuramentat ipprezentat fil-Prim'Awla tal-Qorti Ċivili, fl-ismijiet Bernard magħruf bħala Benny Farrugia (KI 167738(M) u Maria Dolores magħrufa bħala Mary Farrugia (KI 1060344M) vs Peter Paul Muscat (KI 37750G) Rita Muscat (KI 47550G) Rose Mary Holland (KI 165342M) Helen Fountain, xebba, Holland (KI 564574M), Empire Holdings & Co. (P 949) ġa Empire Holdings Co. Limited (C 3793) fit-23 ta' Ottubru 2009, ir-rikorrenti Bernard magħruf bħala Benny Farrugia (KI 167738(M) u Maria Dolores magħrufa bħala Mary Farrugia (KI 1060344M) esponew bir-rispett u talbu lil din l-Onorabbli Qorti:

1. Tiddikjara u tiddeċiedi illi l-lokazzjoni li saret mill-intimati Rose Holland u Helena Fountain, xebba, Holland, lill-intimati Empire Holdings & Co (P 949) ġa Empire Holdings Co. Limited (C 3793) permezz ta' kuntratt fl-atti tan-Nutar Joseph Brincat datat 2 ta' Mejju 1988, (kopja hawn annessa u mmarkata Dok C) hija fir-realtà bejgħ, jew enfitewsi simulat, taħt l-apparenza ta' lokazzjoni, u tilqa' t-talbiet l-oħra fir-rikors.

Bl-ispejjeż, komprizi dawk tal-protest ġudizzjarju pprezentat fid-19 ta' Lulju 2006, kontra l-intimati li huma minn issa ingunti in subizzjoni.

Rikorrenti: 22, Esperanto Street, Msida.

Intimat: Empire Holdings & Co, ġa Empire Holdings Co. Limited, 189/1, Tower Road, Sliema.

Lista ta' xhieda.

Lista ta' dokumenti.

Ir-Rikors Ġuramentat fl-ismijiet Farrugia Bernard M/B Benny vs Muscat Peter Paul et, rikors numru 1020/09 AL, jinsab differit għall-4 ta' Mejju 2010, fid-9.15 a.m., għan-notifika tas-soċjetà konvenuta.

Reġistru tal-Qrati Superjuri, illum 9 ta' Frar 2010.

AVV. FRANK PORTELLI, LL.D.  
Għar-Registatur, Qrati Ċivili u Tribunali

By means of a decree given on the 14th January 2010, in the Records of the Sworn Application, in the names Farrugia Bernard M/B Benny vs Muscat Peter Paul et, application number 1020/09 AL, the Civil Court First Hall, ordered the following publication for the purpose of service of the defendant company in terms of Article 187(3) of Cap. 12.

By means of a Sworn Application filed in the First Hall Civil Court, in the names Bernard known as Benny Farrugia (ID 167738M) and Maria Dolores known as Mary Farrugia (1060344M) vs Peter Paul Muscat (ID 37750G) Rita Muscat (ID 47550G) Rose Mary Holland (ID 165342M) Helen Fountain neè Holland (ID 564574M), Empire Holdings & CO (P949) previously Empire Holdings Co. Limited (C 3793), on the 23rd October 2009, the applicants known as Benny Farrugia (ID 167738(M) and Maria Dolores known as Mary Farrugia (1060344M) pleaded with respect and asked this Honourable Court:

1. To declare and decide that the lease made to the respondents Rose Holland and Helen Fountain neè Holland, to the respondents Empire Holdings & Co (P949) previously, Empire Holdings Co. Limited (C 3793) by means of a contract, in the records of Notary Joseph Brincat, dated 2nd May 1988, (copy hereby attached and marked Doc C) is in reality a sale or simulated emphyteusis, under the guise of a lease, and uphold the other demands in the application.

With costs, including those of the judicial protest filed on the 19th July 2006, against the respondents, who are summoned so that a reference to their evidence be made.

Applicant: 22, Esperanto Street, Msida.

Respondent: Empire Holdings & Co, previously Empire Holdings Co. Limited, 189/1, Tower Road, Sliema.

List of witnesses.

List of documents.

The Sworn Application in the names Farrugia Bernard M/B Benny vs Muscat Peter Paul et, application number 1020/09 AL, has been put off to the 4th May 2010, at 9.15 a.m., in order that the defendant company be notified.

Registry of the Superior Courts, today 9th February 2010.

ADV. FRANK PORTELLI, LL.D.  
For the Registrar, Civil Courts and Tribunals



