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MANGROVE RESTORATION OF MON REPOS PILOT SITE COMMENCES SATURDAY 21ST AUGUST 2010

Following completion of Phase 1 of replanting of the Hope Beach Pilot site, the Guyana Mangrove Restoration Project is scheduled to commence replanting of the Mon Repos Pilot site on Saturday 21st August 2010.

Replanting is being done according to the tide and will commence at 5:00hrs for duration of 3.5 to 4hrs each day. The Project is expected to spend the next fifteen (15) days planting approximately 10,000 mangrove seedlings along the Mon Repos sea shore as part of its objectives to restore Guyana's coastal mangrove forest.

Community involvement and support for these restoration activities will be encouraged through the hosting of a one day Mangrove Summer Camp on Sunday 22nd August at 10:00hrs for children on Mon Repos. The Summer Camp will be used as an opportunity to educate young minds about the importance of mangroves to Guyana's sea defence. Activities will include discussion on how they can help to protect mangroves and beach cleanup.

Note to editors:

- National Mangrove Management Plan was handed over to Hon. Minister of Agriculture on 23rd July 2010
- 1st Phase mangrove restoration of Hope Beach Pilot site was completed on 18th August 2010
- Mangrove Summer Camp was held for children of Hope Beach on 14th August 2010

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