

PUBLIC NOTICE

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OFREG ADVISORY – LICENSING OF WATER SECTOR

The Utility Regulation and Competition Office ('OfReg' or 'the Office') is the independent regulator for electricity, information and communications technology ("ICT"), water, wastewater and fuels sectors in the Cayman Islands. The Office also regulates the use of electromagnetic spectrum and manages the .ky Internet domain.

Please read carefully.

Under section 3(2) of the Water Sector Regulation Law, 2017¹ ("**the Law**"), the Office has the power to grant, modify, renew, suspend or revoke Licences issued under the Law or the Water Laws².

Part 3 of the Law addresses the provision of water supply or wastewater services to third parties. Section 4 provides that a person shall not provide water supply or waste water services to third parties unless that person has been issued with a licence by the Office. Please note that, under section of the Law, it is mandatory for a person who is the holder of a permit issued by the Water Authority under the Water Authority Law (as amended) to supply water or provide wastewater services to a defined development to apply to the Office for the grant of an operator license. It is also mandatory for a person who has entered into a concession agreement with Government and has been granted a concession to supply potable water or waste water services to a defined geographic area, to apply for a service provider licence, as provided by section 6 of the Law.

¹ The Water Sector Regulation law, 2017 came into force on 22 May 2017 by way of the Water Sector Regulation Law, 2017 (Commencement) Order 2017 made by Cabinet.

² The sectoral laws in relation to the water sector are the Wastewater Collection and Treatment Law (as amended); the Water Authority Law (as amended); the Water (Production and Supply) Law (as amended) and the Water Sector Regulation Law, 2017. See the Utility Regulation and Competition (Amendment) Law, 2017

Unlicensed persons that performs an activity that requires a licence under the law, commits an offence is liable to a fine of Cl \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) upon summary conviction or on conviction on indictment to a fine of Cl \$20,000 (twenty thousand dollars).

If the Law applies to you and/or your business, you should contact OfReg on or before **5 p.m., 6 April 2018**:

By email to:

consultations@ofreg.ky

Or by post to:

Utility Regulation and Competition Office P.O. Box 2502 Grand Cayman KY1-1104 Cayman Islands

Or by courier to:

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Any queries regarding this Notice (not being a response) may be addressed to Mr. Gregg Anderson at <u>Gregg.anderson@ofreg.ky</u> or to Mr. Louis Boucher at <u>louis.boucher@ofreg.ky</u>.

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