

## READINESS FOR EL-NINO "RENI" PROJECT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is made and entered as of this 9<sup>th</sup> day of Apr., 2018, by and between the Pohnpei State Environmental Protection Agency (the "State Government") and Kapingamarangi, (the "Local Government") (collectively, the "Parties").

**BACKGROUND** The Pohnpei State Environmental Protection Agency "EPA" is the State focal agency for the European Union-funded North Pacific –Readiness for El Niño Project ("RENI Project") in the Federated States of Micronesia. The RENI Project is implement by the Pacific Community ("SPC") in collaboration with the governments and people of the FSM.

The purpose of the RENI Project is **to secure water resources** ahead of drought in the FSM. The RENI Project plans to use various means **to improve water security** within the State, including installing rain water harvesting systems, providing communities with water storage tanks and accessories, and restoring or improving village ground water wells. EPA is working with local communities in Pohnpei to assess needs with the State and designate project sites within communities.

The Parties hereby agree as follows:

### **1. RENI Project Site.**

The Parties agree that pursuant to a site visit and assessment, a RENI Project sites has been identified in Werua and Souhou village, Kapingamarangi Atoll, Pohnpei State, FSM (the "Project Site").

### **2. Government's Role:**

On behalf of the RENI Project, the Government agrees to provide the following: ☐

- . Consultation and coordination with the Chief Magistrate of the Community Beneficiary;
- . A water system designed by SPC for the Project Site;
- . Water catchment tanks and all other necessary materials to construct the water system;
- . Contractor to construct, install and complete the water system;
- . Oversight and training on maintenance practices, including hands-on workshops and training for members of the Community Beneficiary throughout the duration of the RENI Project; and
- . Monitoring and evaluation of the Project Site and corresponding water system.
- . Provide Labor, mobilization, transportation of project materials to the site.

### **3. The Community Beneficiary's role:**

Kapingamarangi agrees to the following:

- . To secure land usage rights for the Property Site;
- . Assist in the coordination of the project to ensure smooth implementation

- To ensure members of the Community Beneficiary attend all necessary trainings provided by the Government related to the RENI Project and Project Site;
- To properly maintain the installed water system according to the specifications provided by the RENI Project;
- Responsible for maintenance cost of the system upon the turn- over of the system.
- To regularly clean the Project Site and ensure proper usage of the water system; and
- To allow public access to water from the system during any drought, for the purposes of water security.
- Provide appropriate water security policies.

The Community Beneficiary further agrees that water from the Project Site system will not be used to generate income at any time, nor will any individual be restricted from accessing water from the Project Site.

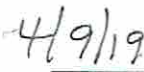
**4. Turn-Over and Ownership of Water System:**

Upon the completion of the project, Kapingamarangi Government will be the owner of the water security system upon the official turn-over of the system. All related accessories of the project will become part of the turn-over.


For the Government,

For Kapingamarangi









Director, Pohnpei State EPA

Date

Chief Magistrate

Date