REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT ACT NO. 23 OF 2019

Instrument of Directions to Government Agencies relating to Tropical Cyclone Lola (Amendment) Order No. 203 of 2023

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by subsection 35(1) of the Disaster Risk Management Act No. 23 of 2019, I, the Honourable RALPH REGENVANU, Minister of Meteorology, Geological Hazards and Climate Change, on the advice of the National Disaster Committee, make the following Order.

1 Amendments

Instrument of Directions to Government Agencies relating to Tropical Cyclone Lola Order No. 191 of 2023 is amended as set out in the Schedule.

2 Commencement

This Order is taken to have commenced on 16 November 2023.

Made at Port Vila this 21 **day of** November **2023.**

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Minister of Meteorology, Geological Hazards and Climate Change

SCHEDULE

AMENDMENTS OF THE INSTRUMENT OF DIRECTIONS TO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES RELATING TO TROPICAL CYCLONE LOLA ORDER NO. 191 OF 2023

1 After subclause 1(13)

Insert

"(14) The Ministry of Finance and Economic Management and government agencies must ensure:

(a) low and high value Government contracts for the procurement of immediate relief supplies use the sole source or single source tendering; and

(b) the awarding of a low value Government contract (with a value of less than VT10,000,000) is provided on the approval of the Director of the National Disaster Management Office and Director General of the Ministry of Meteorology, Geological, Hazards and Climate Change; and

(c) the awarding of a high value Government contract (with a value of VT10,000,000 or above) must be considered and approved by the National Disaster Committee; and

(d) that any procurement not for the purpose of the Declaration of State of Emergency Order No. 190 of 2023 is not exempted and must comply with the requirements under the Government Contracts and Tenders Regulation Order No. 96 of 2021.

(15) The Ministry Finance and Economic Management and the Department of Finance must fast track the clearing of outstanding payments for Tropical Cyclone Judy and Tropical Cyclone Kevin.

(16) The Bureau of Price Monitoring and Consumer Affairs must control vessel charter price rates and cargo freight unit prices.

(17) The Ministry of Public Utilities, the Public Works Department, the Civil Aviation Authority and Airports Vanuatu Limited must provide Pavement Classification Number and Aircraft Classification Number for the tar sealed runway airports throughout Vanuatu.

(18) The Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education and Training must work closely with the Ministry of Public Utilities to carry out quick-fix, rebuild and repair damaged schools and health centres

(19) The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry, Fisheries and Biosecurity, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Ministry of Tourism, Trade, Commerce and Ni-Vanuatu Business must focus on distribution of agricultural Non-Food Items to the Tropical Cyclone Lola affected areas and to facilitate the shipment of Kava materials from Tropical Cyclone Lola affected areas to Port Vila.

(20) The National Disaster Management Office, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Ministry of Education and Training and the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry, Fisheries and Biosecurity must organize and ensure public awareness to promote health and wellness when consuming the dry rations; that it is to be taken with their locally available agricultural produce and vegetables."