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MHRA Council for 2010-2011

Mr. George Micallef was re-confirmed as President for year 2010/2011. During the first council meeting following the 52nd Annual General Meeting he thanked outgoing council members for their work and support during the past year. The newly elected Council appointed the officials and MHRA designate representatives on the various boards and committees who will be representing MHRA during 2010/2011.

Mr. Micallef underlined the positive results achieved this year both in terms of arrivals and also tourism earnings, following the negative results of 2009, but pointed out that private enterprise is still under pressure and facing an increasingly competitive landscape.

The new council discussed the issues linked with our national airline which are of a major concern to the MHRA and indeed the industry, and stressed that in the process of restructuring, airline seat capacity and arrivals have to remain Government's priority, as it is the key to the long term sustainability of the tourism industry.

The Council pledged its continued support to the Parliamentary Secretary for Tourism, the Environment and Culture, the Malta Tourism Authority and all other stakeholders in the best interest of the tourism industry.

The new MHRA Council for 2010/2011 is now composed of Mr George Micallef as President, Mr. Tony Zahra and Mr Kevin DeCesare as Vice Presidents and Mr. Joseph Attard as Treasurer. The other members of the Council are Mr Nicholas Borg, Mr Noel Attard, Ms. Isabelle Debattista, Mr Raphael Cauchi, Mr. Noel Debono, Mr. Julian Diacono, Mr. Anthony Gatt, Mr. David Jaccarini, Mr Matthew Pace, Mr. Winston J. Zahra and Ms. Claire Zammit Xuereb. Dr Hugh Peralta was also confirmed as Secretary General for 2010-11.

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About MHRA

The MHRA has been established since 1958 and today represents 70% of all hotels in Malta and 35% of all restaurants, collectively representing an investment of over Euros 1.1 billion and employing in excess of 20,000 people. For the past 52 years the MHRA has represented the interest of hoteliers and restaurateurs on the Island acting as a lobby group to ensure that the policy decisions taken on the Island are in line with what the tourism industry needs to flourish. For more information about the MHRA visit www.mhra.org.mt or call (356) 21 318133.