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## **CUC breaks ground for new Seven Mile Beach Substation**

Customers along the Seven Mile Beach corridor and beyond will get enhanced reliability and sustainability when the Caribbean Utilities Company, Ltd. (“CUC”) new Gas Insulated Switchgear (GIS) substation is completed next year.

Recently, CUC hosted a short ground breaking ceremony to officially start construction of the 69/13 kilovolt (kV) substation. The project which will cost approximately CI\$14 million will be CUC’s first substation to incorporate medium voltage (MV) GIS technology and the first of its kind in this region. The medium voltage GIS will further increase safety and system reliability and will accommodate load growth within the Seven Mile Beach area for decades to come.

The substation is being built behind Burger King and the H&B Esso Station on West Bay Road. The contractor is Siemens who will be working with local contractors on this project. The new substation will be placed 12 feet above sea level with modern architecture that will offer significant hurricane resilience.

CUC’s President and CEO Mr. Richard Hew says, “The plan for this new substation was conceived many years ago, but due to various circumstances including the past recession, the project was delayed. I am pleased that we are now at the point where all of the design, planning, and permitting work done by our engineering team and vendors is completed and we can finally break ground for another project which will bring significant benefits to our customers.”



CUC's Senior Project Manager Mr. Jason Burke stated that, "With the new Foster's Food Fair supermarket being built next door and the Kimpton Seafire Resort and Spa and Camana Bay expanding, this new substation will increase our capacity to serve the central Seven Mile Beach area and provide load relief and backup to the Hydesville Substation in West Bay."

The new Seven Mile Beach Substation is scheduled for completion by the third quarter of 2019. CUC currently has seven substations within the areas of North Sound, South Sound, Frank Sound, Prospect, Bodden Town, Rum Point and West Bay.

**Photo Caption:**



CUC officials (from left) Sacha Tibbetts, Jason Burke and Richard Hew and Hans Czeslik from Siemens, participating in the groundbreaking event.



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