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10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

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**RESTORATION OF THE BUSINESS OF PROVIDING MARITIME SECURITY**

**Reference:** Meeting held at Ministry of Defence on 09<sup>th</sup> September 2021 regarding the captioned matter

Pursuant to the Cabinet decision based on the recommendations of the Hon. Attorney General bearing reference No. AG/18/2021 dated 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021, the Minister of Defence has granted approval to the Joint Venture (JV) between Rakna Arakshaka Lanka Limited (RALL) and Avant Garde Maritime Services (Private) Limited (AGMS) to take over the maritime operations including providing armoury facilities to foreign Private Maritime Security Companies (PMSC).

2. Accordingly, the Sri Lanka Navy which is currently carrying out the said operation has been directed to hand over the responsibilities in respect of the said operations to the JV by 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

3. On behalf of the JV, RALL will operate independent armouries in Colombo harbour and Galle harbour designated as RALL Armoury for Maritime Security (RAMS), Colombo and Galle respectively. Since establishing such independent armouries will take some time, the Navy has been directed to make arrangements for the JV to continue operations in the same premises within the respective Navy establishments as of now as agreed by the Commander of the Navy at the meeting. This Ministry will initiate action to formally inform all PMSCs about the transition.

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4. The Navy has been directed to provide a suitable location within the Navy base in the Port of Colombo for the JV to locate the RAMS Colombo. Parties to the JV are therefore directed to liaise directly with Navy on this matter.

5. Decisions made at the meeting mentioned above will form part of instructions. Additional instructions will be issued as and when necessary.



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