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FILE: AP 6/4/6/4 **TO:** SPREP National Focal Points
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CIRCULAR: 13/04

SUBJECT: **Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Paper**

Dear Focal Points

Background

1. Sustainable waste oil management is a priority for Pacific island countries and is a focus of the US$ 1.4 million AFD solid waste management programme coordinated in the Pacific by SPREP.

2. When introduced, a sustainable waste oil collection system can reduce negative environmental impacts and maximising economic returns to make the system independent of external financing.

3. SPREP has prepared an information paper on the use of Extended Product Responsibility and Product Stewardship for improved waste oil management. The paper:

- Provides background information for Pacific Island governments on the implementation of a waste oil Stewardship System;
- Compares Extended Producer Responsibility and Product Stewardship systems, with a view to identifying a Stewardship System suitable for Pacific Island Countries (PICs);
- Outlines key activities necessary and the stakeholders involved in implementing a Stewardship System; and
- Outlines the assistance available under the AFD Project to selected PICs for this purpose.

Comments sought on the information paper

1. The overarching recommendation of the Paper is for each PIC to establish a national Stewardship System for waste oil management. A range of assistance including education

materials and model legislation will be made available to countries by SPREP to assist in this process.

2. Please return any comments on the paper via email to stanleye@sprep.org no later than 1st March 2013.

Yours truly,

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Attach: Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Paper

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