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### **Cuban Teams Arrive in SVG to Assist in Rebuilding Union Island's Electrical Network**

**Kingstown, St. Vincent** – St. Vincent Electricity Services Limited (VINLEC) has welcomed a contingent of fifteen workers from Cuba to assist with the rebuilding of the electrical network on Union Island.

The contingent arrived at the Argyle International Airport on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> August 2024 where they were greeted by Dr. Vaughn Lewis, VINLEC's Chief Executive Officer; Ms. Benarva Browne, Minister of Energy; and Mr. Carlos Etcheverry, the Cuban Ambassador to St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Dr. Lewis expressed his gratitude for the team's timely arrival, noting that "our island of Union Island has been devastated but we are sure that with your assistance, we will be able to restore the island within a couple months." VINLEC's CEO assured that the Company will take care of the Cuban workers and added that the relationship will be strengthened through this experience.

The Cubans are scheduled to journey to Union Island on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, and will immediately commence work on the island electrical network, alongside a local line contractor, Ruddy's Electrical Contracting Co Ltd, and VINLEC teams. The Company remains committed to working closely with all partners to ensure that the electrical network on Union Island, and all other affected Grenadines islands is restored efficiently, paving the way for a full recovery and rebuilding of communities.

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