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PRESS RELEASE

PITONS MANAGEMENT AREA

The Saint Lucia National Trust is pleased to learn that at its Thirty Fifth Meeting in June 2011 in Paris, the World Heritage Committee (WHC) welcomed government's decision to undertake a Limits of Acceptable Change (LAC) study of the Pitons Management Area (PMA), as well as its decision to implement a moratorium on development approvals until the study is complete and implemented. The WHC also invited Government to apply for funds to undertake the study. The full text of the issues considered and the decision can be found on the Trust's website at <http://www.slunatrust.org/press.php>.

The Trust commends government for its decision to undertake the LAC Study and pledges its support to all efforts, including the enforcement of the moratorium on developments which may erode the Outstanding Universal Value of the PMA until the policy and legal safeguards are in place. We were fearful that the WHC may place the PMA on the List of World Heritage in Danger, but are delighted to note that these forward looking decisions by government have staved off this possibility. We remain committed to working with government to ensure that the PMA remains a World Heritage site.