

# PRESS RELEASE

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## Rights of the public and investors ought to be safeguarded at all times

The Malta Chamber of Commerce, Enterprise and Industry has been following the development of events at Manoel Island. The Chamber refrains from entering into the legal merits of the case yet it considers as unacceptable any action of forced entry or the taking of the law into one's own hands. A democracy such as ours provides for legal remedy should rights be considered to have been violated.

The foreshore, as defined at law, is unquestionably public domain yet by no means does this entitle one to violate private property rights so as to access such foreshore. If this were the case then a number of establishments would be faced with the same situation as that arising at Manoel Island. It is important for the rights granted by Government to the private sector to be protected.

MIDI plc is a public interest company, which is listed on the Malta Stock Exchange and with no less than 6000 persons as bond or share holders be these large or small investors.

We therefore strongly appeal to Government to ensure that the rights of the general public as well as those of present and prospective investors are safeguarded at all times.

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