



MAURITIUS HIGH-PROFILE MTB STAGE RACE, COLIN MAYER TOUR, BAGS GRIT GROUP AS TITLE SPONSOR

AUGUST 2017- JSE-LISTED, Grit Real Estate Income Group Limited, (previously named Mara Delta Property Holdings), at a press conference held at Sugar Beach Resort, Mauritius in July, announced that it is the official title sponsor of the international 3-day MTB stage race, the Grit Colin Mayer Tour, taking place in Mauritius from 13-15 October 2017 at the Riverland Sports Club, Rivière Noire Region (Black River).

The Colin Mayer Tour is a high-profile, NPO formed in collaboration with the FMC (Mauritius Cycling Federation) and the MMTBC (Mauritius Mountain Biking Commission), and set up in memory of Colin Mayer by his cousins, Greg Mayer and Michel Mayer.

Colin Mayer, who tragically died at the Junior World Champs in Moscow in 2009, was a "one of a kind" sports legend in Mauritius who inspired an entire generation of cyclists.

Passionate for the bike, Mayer only started cycling at the age of 30 but became the Indian Ocean Champion and a multiple time trial champion, and was considered "Boss of the Peloton". He is commemorated through this race, inspiring riders throughout Mauritius to push themselves beyond their limits.

Greg Pearson, Director at Grit Real Estate Income Group (Grit), and the President of the Colin Mayer Tour, **Michel Mayer**, signed a 3-year naming rights partnership for the sum of Rs500 000 (R100 000) per annum, raising the bar for the tour, and setting the standards of MTB races in general in Mauritius.

Pearson said Grit had been a smaller sponsor of the inaugural 2016 Colin Mayer Tour but after experiencing the event first-hand, had decided they wanted to increase their sponsorship substantially going forward to help grow it into a race calendar 'must-do' event in Mauritius, competing with other renowned MTB races in South Africa by attracting a competitive contingent to race in Mauritius.

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Said Pearson, *“For us, the Grit Colin Mayer Mountain Bike Tour provides an excellent platform to extend the metaphor of mountain biking, collaboration and building an African real estate conglomerate. At the same time, we honour the memory of a good friend and his attitude towards living life, Colin Mayer.*

We also want to inspire through sport and change people’s lives for the better. An event like the Colin Mayer Tour can change the life of a little boy or girl, or a grown person. I have seen so many people's lives change for the better through sport. We need more of that.

We are also supporting small businesses in the locality and supporting a local children’s charity “Reve et Espoir”. It’s a long-term vision to uplift the community through sport.

We would like Grit CMT to be one of the best riding experiences in Africa, one which riders from all over the world aspire to ride.”

Last year, the inaugural tour attracted 193 riders, a record number for a Mauritian MTB stage race, and included international riders from Reunion Island, South Africa, France, Slovakia, United Kingdom and the United States. This year, around 250 riders are expected to compete.

Christophe Chateau, part of the CMT organising committee said that the Grit CMT main event follows the same race format and rules as the Absa Cape Epic and Joburg2c where cyclists race in category teams (Men/Women/Mixed/Masters/Grand Masters), and need to cross all checkpoints within a minute of each other to the finish line. There is also a solo option for the main event, and an open race, which is racing just the final stage on the Sunday, plus a kids’ race on Sunday (age 9-12).

The Grit Colin Mayer Tour (Grit CMT) route will cover 180km around the West Coast of Mauritius, comprising 3 stages of 65km, 65km and 40km on routes that are unmatched in natural beauty. Over three days, the routes will take riders from scenic coastal tracks to dense woodlands, breath-taking slopes, traditional salt pans and never-before-ridden game farms, a significant improvement on the 2016 tracks.

Like any stage race worth its salt, Grit CMT will have a full-scale Race Village at Riverland Sports Club where all the stages and races will start and end. Packages offer tented accommodation, or apartments, or hotel packages with flights created for the tour by World Leisure Travel.

Currently, there are already 120 cyclists registered from Mauritius, Reunion Island, South Africa and Slovakia. There will also be around 40 corporate riders and celebrity riders joining

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this year's race. The cut off will be 100 teams (200 riders), 40 Solo riders, and 50 Open riders for Sunday's event.

Part of the Grit sponsorship will go to increasing the prize purse. There is R25 000 prize money up for grabs. Category winners of the overall race as well as second and third place will receive cash prizes as well as main sponsor giveaways and medals.

Entry to GRIT CMT 2017 is through roag.co.za

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Editors notes

History – Colin Mayer

Colin was a legendary sportsperson in Mauritius who became a cycling legend at 30 years old and was especially known for his talent and passion on the bike. A "one of a kind" sports legend that inspired an entire generation of cyclists. He took up cycling with a level of professionalism and dedication that re-invigorated the sport in Mauritius and converted many people to the riding. His name brings credibility to the race and keeps "the legend" alive. We commemorate him through this race and hope to inspire riders throughout Mauritius to push themselves beyond their limits and to be in the best shape of their lives.

Tour Vision

The Vision of the Colin Mayer Tour is to be the "Must Ride" MTB stage race in Mauritius, which will compete with other renowned MTB races in South Africa to attract a high international demand to ride in Mauritius.

Notable Participants 2016 Included:

John Smit, former captain and world champion with the Springboks (2007), Nicole Flint, Miss South Africa 2009, and Andrew Mclean, winner of the 2010 Tour de Mauritius.

Winners 2016

Men's Solo –

1. Fabrice Leclezio (Mauritius)
2. Yannick Cornille (Reunion Island)

Teams

1. Matus Pribela (Slovakia) & Andrej Kubis (Slovakia) - Suncycle.sk Ultimate Team
2. Andrew Mclean (South Africa) & Lawrence Wong (USA) - Epic Sports Racing Team

About Grit Real Estate Income Group Limited

Grit is the largest and only pan-African focused real estate income group listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange and the Stock Exchange of Mauritius.

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The Company focuses exclusively on real estate assets on the continent (excluding South Africa), underpinned by US Dollar and Euro denominated long-term leases with high quality tenants, delivering strong sustainable income.

Grit manages in excess of US\$ 600 million worth of assets (post transfer of current acquisitions) with access to numerous acquisition opportunities. These include a strong pipeline of quality assets in Mauritius, Zambia, Kenya, Uganda, Mozambique, Morocco and others.

The Company's immediate strategy is to consolidate opportunities within current countries of operation before expanding into other geographies.

Grit Rebrand

Following a well-supported and successful capital raise of US\$121 million earlier in July, Grit announced its new name and identity on 10 July 2017 to better reflect its current reality and future growth ambitions. The rebrand process subject to the usual regulatory process, expected to be completed in August 2017. Until then the company's legal name remains Mara Delta Property Holdings Limited, trading under the JSE short code MDP.

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