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Saint Lucia Electricity Services Limited (LUCELEC) welcomes news the Government of Saint Lucia (GOSL) has invited a World Bank Team to evaluate and quantify the geothermal resource at a number of locations in Soufriere namely Fond Doux, Belle Plain and Belle Fond.

The team will assess technical issues and evaluate the impact of developing the resource as a potential source of energy.

LUCELEC Business Development Manager Mr Victor Emmanuel says as owners of the resource, the Government of Saint Lucia must determine its worth and capacity as a critical first step in seeking to use that alternative energy source.

“As a country we need to know whether there is the potential for a long term power generating capacity out of the Sulphur Springs. It is clear that the resource is there but whether it can be utilized in a manner that is economical to produce electricity needs to be determined,” he says.

Mr. Emmanuel adds that LUCELEC has supported the various attempts to explore the geothermal resource over the years and has expended a fair amount of both time and money developing the legal and technical capacity to facilitate and manage the framework which will allow it to purchase whatever electricity can be produced from the Sulphur Springs.

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