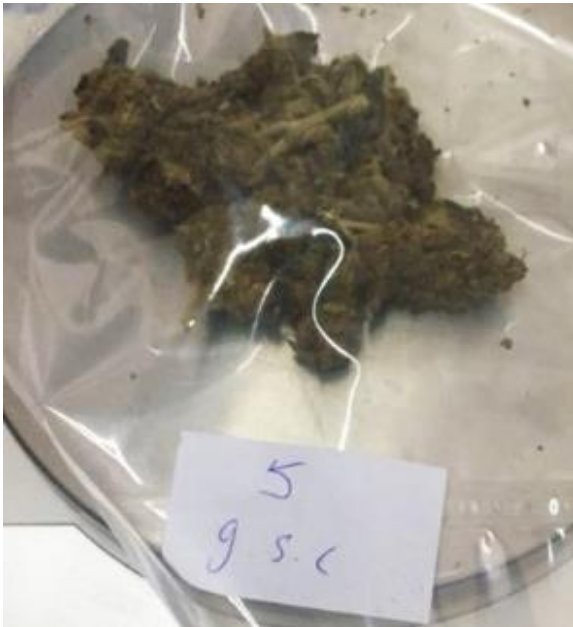


BORDER PROTECTION

SEIZURE OF RS. 1.5 MILLION OF CANNABIS



The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) and the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU) intercepted Cannabis skunk and a compressed dark brown matter suspected to be Cannabis resin worth Rs. 1.5 million at the Parcel Post Office (PPO) on Wednesday 09 May 2018. The parcel containing the illicit products was sent from Belgium and it bore the name of an inhabitant of Pointe aux Sables.

During an exercise of verification of unclaimed packets at the PPO, officers of the Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) and ADSU opened the parcel and found 2 sealed aluminium sachets containing Cannabis skunk and suspected Cannabis resin weighing 35.8 and 518.2 grams respectively. Field tests done on the substances revealed the presence of cannabis and the Customs K9 dog 'Milan' reacted positively to the parcels.

The Cannabis skunk and resin were secured by the MRA Customs and handed over to the ADSU for further inquiry. Members of the public may report suspected drug/ illicit activities to the MRA through the Stop Drug platform or by calling on 8958.