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APPOINTMENT TO ACT AS MINISTER OF SPORT AND YOUTH AFFAIRS

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED for general information that His Excellency the President, acting in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister, in exercise of the power vested in him by subsection (2) of section 79 of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, has appointed MR. MUSTAPHA ABDUL-HAMID, a Member of the House of Representatives, to act in the Office of the Honourable GARY HUNT, Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs, with effect from 23rd April, 2008 and continuing during the absence from Trinidad and Tobago of the said the Honourable Gary Hunt, M.P., in addition to the discharge of his normal duties.

> H. HEMNATH Secretary to His Excellency the President

the President

22nd April, 2008.

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APPOINTMENTS TO THE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED for general information that His Excellency the President, after consultation with the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition, in exercise of the power vested in him by subsection (1) of section 26 of the Equal Opportunity Act, 2000, has been pleased to make the following appointments to the Equal Opportunity Commission, for a period of three (3) years with effect from 21st April, 2008:

PROFESSOR JOHN GAFFAR LA GUERRE	 	Commissioner and Chairman	
DR. EASTLYN KATE MC KENZIE	 	Commissioner and Vice-Chairman	
Ms. STEPHANIE DALY	 	Commissioner	
Ms. BEVERLY ANN-MARIE BECKLES	 	Commissioner	
DR. HAMID GHANY	 	Commissioner	
			H. HEMNATH
			Secretary to His Excellency

18th April, 2008.

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APPOINTMENT AND RE-APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE ST. DAVID (TOCO) LOCAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE BOARD

IT IS NOTIFIED for general information that, in accordance with the provisions of section 8 of the Public Assistance Act, Chap. 32:03 of the Laws of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Cabinet has agreed to the appointment of Ms. ANN McCARTHY and MR. VICTOR CLYDE JOSEPH as members of the St. David (Toco) Local Public Assistance Board for a period of three (3) years commencing from the date of their letters of appointment and the re-appointment of the undermentioned persons to serve as Members of the St. David (Toco) Local Public Assistance Board for a period of three (3) years with effect from the dates indicated:

Ms. ELTINA ROBINSON	 . with effect from 25th February, 2008
Ms. ALICIA MARIA ABRAHAM	do.
Mr. DESMOND PETERS	do.

A. POPPLEWELL Acting Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Social Development

THE SECURITIES INDUSTRY ACT, CHAP. 83:02

The Proposed SECURITIES INDUSTRY (DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS) BY-LAWS, 2008

Recommended to the Minister of Finance under section 131(1) of the Securities Industry Act, 1995

Substance and Purpose of the Proposed Securities Industry (Depositary Receipts) By-Laws, 2008

As part of Trinidad and Tobago's (T&T's) efforts to deepen the development of its financial markets and establish an International Financial Center (IFC), the government has decided to introduce Depositary Receipts (TTDRs) as a new security. In addition to contributing to the development of T&T as an IFC, the introduction of TTDRs will have three principal benefits.

First, it will introduce new securities into a marketplace where new listings have been rare and participants have indicated a strong interest in new products. This has the potential to contribute to the vibrancy and growth of the local stock market. The rapid growth of mutual funds and unit trusts since their introduction is one indication of this latent demand for new product. With the introduction of a larger diversity of new products mutual fund holdings have grown to nearly the same size as bank deposits. Market consultations in March and April 2008 with brokers and institutional investors have confirmed continuing interest in new investment products.

Second, it will enable retail and institutional investors in Trinidad and Tobago to achieve greater diversification of their investment portfolios without having to leave the local capital market. This is particularly important in a relatively small country like Trinidad and Tobago, where the local market currently provides a limited number of equities for investment. Using TTDRs, investors should be able to achieve higher returns and lower risk through additional international and sector diversification.

Third, the introduction of TTDRs into the market will have an immediate beneficial impact on the macro-economic environment. Trinidad and Tobago is currently experiencing inflation as a result of excess liquidity in the market. To the extent that investors choose to hold TTDRs, there will be some absorption of this excess liquidity and a resulting reduction of inflationary pressure.

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The policy decision to introduce TTDRs into the Trinidad and Tobago market has been taken at this time partly to encourage greater participation by the general public in the energy and energy-related sector. While the growth of the energy and energy-related sector has contributed to the strong growth of the Trinidad and Tobago economy, none of this growth has been reflected in the local stock market. The domestic, state-owned and foreign-owned enterprises that operate in this sector have not been listed on the local stock exchange.

Foreign owned energy companies typically source their capital and other forms of financing in the major metropolitan markets. The ease and benefits of that approach have obviated the need to secure a listing in the local stock exchange. Moreover, the idea of a local listing has not been attractive to these entities given the small size of the T&T market.

The acquisition of RBTT has sharpened local concern about domestic participation in significant enterprises operating in the country because this acquisition will lead to the removal of one of the largest companies from the Trinidad and Tobago Stock Exchange (TTSE). The 60/40 stock/cash structure of the transaction will also result in pumping significant new liquidity into the economy at a time when inflationary pressures are already high.

The Trinidad and Tobago Securities and Exchange Commission (TTSEC) believes that a comprehensive regime governing the introduction and operation of depositary receipts should be put in place as quickly as possible to achieve these benefits for the Trinidad and Tobago investing public.

Trinidad and Tobago investors are increasingly interested in global portfolio diversification. However, obstacles such as undependable settlements, costly currency conversions, unreliable custody services, poor information flow, unfamiliar market practices, confusing tax conventions and internal investment policy may discourage retail and institutional investors from venturing outside T&T markets. TTDRs offer a simple, convenient alternative for investing internationally. Benefits to investors include:

- Portfolio diversification into international markets,
- TTDRs are denominated in and pay dividends in T&T dollars, eliminating the need for currency conversions by TTDR holders,

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- International brokerage, international transaction and custodial costs are eliminated since TTDRs would be traded locally,
- TTDRs allow institutions with foreign investment restrictions to diversify its investments,
- TTDRs will be as liquid as the underlying Foreign Share because the convertibility feature exists,
- T&T nationals would be allowed to maintain some ownership of local factors of production if TTDRs of multinational companies, operating locally, are part of TTDR programmes. Therefore, TTDR holders would be able to share in the profits when these companies issue dividends or through capital gains.

The objective of the By-Law is to design a TTDR programme for Trinidad and Tobago that can be implemented successfully, as soon as possible. The programme is intended to provide a framework within which depositary receipts may be introduced, allowing Trinidad and Tobago investors to participate in a broader choice of locally traded securities.

While a TTDR programme might initially contain only one TTDR (for RBC shares, for example), to be deemed successful over a medium-term perspective of two or three years, it should have:

- Grown to include at least 10-20 TTDR programmes
- Resulted in the creation of TTDRs, held by retail and institutional investors, that would account for a significant portion (greater than 10%) of the market capitalization of the local market
- Achieved reasonable levels of trading and liquidity
- Contributed to the general development of T&T as an IFC by increasing local trading and trading-related financial services

Charles de Silva

Deputy General Manager

THE SECURITIES INDUSTRY ACT, CHAP. 83:02

BY-LAWS

Made by the Minister under section 131(1) of the Securities Industry Act

THE SECURITIES INDUSTRY (DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS) BY-LAWS, 2008

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Citation (De	1. These By-laws may be cited as the Securities Industry epositary Receipts) By-Laws, 2008.				
Interpretation	2. In these By-laws, unless the context otherwise requires –				
Chap.83:02	"the Act" means the Securities Industry Act;				
Schedule 1	"approved jurisdiction" means the jurisdictions specified in Schedule 1;				
	"acceptable accounting standard" means that the basis of reporting is subject to an internationally accredited accounting and auditing standard setting regime including but not limited to IAS, IFRS and USGAAP standards;				
	"business day" means any day on which the banks are open for the conduct of business in Trinidad and Tobago;				
	"Commission" means the Trinidad and Tobago Securities and Exchange Commission, a body corporate established under Section 4 of the Act;				
	"Custodian" means a body corporate that is authorised by a regulator in an approved jurisdiction to render custody services.				
	"Depositary" means a body corporate that has depositary receipts outstanding or issues, or proposes to issue depositary receipts to the public;				

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"Depositary Agreement" means a written agreement between a Custodian, a Depositary and a TTDR holder in an Unsponsored TTDR programme or a written agreement between a Foreign Security Issuer, a Custodian, a Depositary and a TTDR holder in a Sponsored TTDR programme.

"Disclosure Documents" means all documents required to be filed by the Depositary under the Act and these By-Laws;

"foreign security " means a security issued by a foreign security issuer and which is listed or traded on a securities exchange of an approved jurisdiction;

"foreign security issuer" means a body corporate which has issued foreign securities to the public in accordance with the law of an approved jurisdiction.

"Global Custodian" means a Custodian which is in the business of processing of cross-border securities trades, keeping financial assets safe and servicing associated portfolios of such cross border securities trades;

"Issue" means an offer to the public and or distribution of TTDRs within the meaning of "offer to the public" or "distribution" under section 3(1) of the Act,;

"security" has the meaning assigned to it in the Act;

"sponsored TTDR" means a TTDR programme established at the direction of a foreign security issuer and administered in accordance with a Depositary Agreement between the Foreign Security Issuer, a Custodian, a Depositary and a TTDR holder.

"Trinidad and Tobago Depositary Receipt" or "TTDR" means a security issued in Trinidad and Tobago by a Depositary which represents ownership of or interest in a foreign security.

"TTDR programme" or "programme" means the issue of TTDRs by a Depositary to the public.

"unsponsored TTDR" means a TTDR programme established by a Depositary without the participation of a foreign security issuer and administered in accordance with a Depositary Agreement between a Depositary receipt issuer, a Custodian and a TTDR holder.

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Fees	3. The fees payable are those set out in-
Chap.83:02	(a) Schedule 1 to the Securities Industry By-Laws excluding
	the market access fees; and
Schedule 2	(b) Schedule 2 to these By-laws in respect of market access
	fees.
Forms Schedule 2	4. The forms referred to in these By-Laws are those contained in Schedule 2 to the Securities Industry By-laws and these forms shall be used in all cases to which they are applicable and may be modified by

Commission to meet other cases

PART II

DEPOSITARY RECEIPT PROGRAMME

TTDR

compliance5. Every issue to the public of TTDRs must be effected under awith Act andTTDR programme for which the Commission has issued a receipt for aBy-Lawsprospectus.

Requirements of TTDR programme	 6. A TTDR programme shall - a) be sponsored or unsponsored; b) be eligible for settlement through and listing with one or more self-regulatory organization in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago; c) be denominated in Trinidad and Tobago dollars; d) contain provisions for cancellation and conversion by TTDR holders; e) provide disclosures in the English Language; and f) satisfy the requirements of these By-laws.
Approval of TTDR programme	7. A Depositary shall not issue TTDRs on a foreign security of a foreign security issuer in a TTDR programme if another Depositary is issuing TTDRs on the same foreign security.
Termination or transfer of TTDR programme	8. A TTDR programme shall not be transferred to another Depositary or terminated unless -a) the TTDR holders and the Commission are notified not less than sixty days prior to the proposed transfer or termination; and

b) the pro rata market access fees due for the part of the year up to the time of transfer or termination are paid to the Commission.

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PART III

THE DEPOSITARY

Depositary responsible for TTDR programme	9. A Depositary shall register a TTDR programme in accordance with the provisions of the Act and these By-laws.
Functions of Depositary	10. The functions of the Depositary are to-
	 (a) hold on deposit the foreign securities of the TTDR programme for the exclusive benefit of TTDR holders, with no rights, monies or benefits accruing to TTDR holders to be treated as assets of the Depositary or of the Custodian;
	(b) cancel and issue TTDRs in accordance with the
	Depositary Agreement; (c) manage the transfer and disbursement of dividend payments and any other beneficial interest payments that may be due and owing to TTDR holders;
	 (d) exercise any voting rights or other rights, duties and or obligations attaching to the foreign securities held on deposit, in the interest of the TTDR holders and in accordance with the instructions of the TTDR holders;
	(e) provide for and arrange for the collection and delivery of voting proxies to the foreign security issuer;
	(f) maintain a current list of TTDR holders and the foreign
	securities held on deposit; (g) provide the Commission with the disclosure documents
	and reporting information as provided for in the Act and these By-Laws;
	(h) maintain current and make publicly available statements that report the number of TTDRs issued and cancelled daily;
	 (i) make available for public inspection and in plain English any material information provided by the foreign security issuer to any regulator in the foreign security Issuer's market of incorporation, market of residence and or market of listing within five (5) business days from the date the information is provided; reconcile the holdings of the foreign securities held on deposit by the Custodian;
	(j) deal fairly with the enquiries and complaints of the TTDR holders;
	(k) supervise the Custodian; and
	(1) discharge any other obligation that the Commission may impose

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Eligibility criteria for Depositary	11. (1) A body corporate shall not be authorised to act as a Depositary –unless it:a) is registered with the Commission as a Securities Company and authorised to carry on the business	
Chap. 79:09	 of a broker within the meaning of the Act; or b) is registered as a Financial Institution within the meaning of the Financial Institutions Act; and c) is in good standing with its regulator; d) has the technical resources and capacities to perform the business of Depositary as described in these By-laws; e) has a reliable relationship with a Custodian with Global Custodian capability in an approved jurisdiction; and f) acknowledges the right of the foreign security issuer to replace an unsponsored TTDR programme administered by the Depositary with its sponsored TTDR programme in relation to its foreign securities. 	
	(2) The Commission, in making a determination under paragraph (1), may have regard to any information in its possession or knowledge whether furnished or not by the applicant.	
Depositary to register as reporting issuer	12. No Depositary shall carry on the business of issuing, proposing to issue, offering or distributing TTDRs to the public unless it is registered with the Commission as a reporting issuer and authorised to do so pursuant to the Act and these By-laws.	
Commission may impose conditions	 13. The Commission may issue a receipt for a prospectus for a TTDR programme to a Depositary subject to such conditions as- (a) it may impose in the public interest; or (b) may seem to it necessary, advisable or appropriate to ensure the orderly growth and development of the capital market. 	

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Commission may deny, suspend or revoke registration a) the registration of the Depositary creates such conditions in the securities market that undermines the orderly growth, integrity and development of the capital market; b) the registration is not in the public interest;

- c) it has contravened any of the provisions of the Act or these By-Laws;
- a) it is convicted for any offence involving fraud or dishonesty;
- b) it ceases to meet a requirement of or condition imposed under By-laws 12 to 14;
- c) it is defaulting or has defaulted in any obligations within the normal course of its business;
- d) the registration was obtained by the concealment or misrepresentation of any fact which in the opinion of the Commission is material to its application or to its suitability to be registered;
- e) it is the subject of insolvency and or winding up proceedings or against which a receiving order has been made.

PART IV – FOREIGN SECURITY ISSUER AND FOREIGN SECURITIES

Eligibility for 15. A foreign security issuer or a foreign security which meet the criteria set out in this Part may be eligible for inclusion in a TTDR programme programme.

Requirements of foreign security	16. The Commission may approve a foreign security for inclusion in a TTDR Programme if it is satisfied that at the time of registration of the TTDR programme the foreign security issuer -		
	 a) had a minimum market capitalisation of one billion United States Dollars in the previous twelve months; 		
	b) its securities had an average daily traded value of \$US10 million in the previous twelve months		
	; c) each class of its securities has a unique identifier; and		
	d) it is otherwise fit for inclusion in the TTDR programme.		

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Foreign	17. In determining whether the foreign security is fit for inclusion in a
security	TTDR programme, the Commission must be satisfied that the foreign
issuer to meet	security issuer -
certain	(a) is regulated in an approved jurisdiction where it is -
conditions	i. under an obligation to file disclosure

- i. under an obligation to file disclosure documents on a continuous basis; and
- ii. required to comply with financial reporting requirements which satisfy an acceptable accounting standard;
- (b) is in compliance with the requirements of the securities regulatory authority of the jurisdiction where it resident and or listed; and
- (c) has filed audited accounts which cover at least three years prior to the proposed establishment of the TTDR programme.

PART V – THE CUSTODIAN

Requirements of the Custodian	 18. Subject to the approval of the Commission a Depositary may appoint a body corporate to be the Custodian of the foreign securities in a TTDR Programme which – a) is duly registered, regulated and continues to be in compliance with its respective home regulatory authority in an approved jurisdiction; and b) has provided services as a Global Custodian for at least three years immediately preceding registration of the TTDR programme as evidenced by its annual reports.
Functions of the Custodian	19, The functions of the Custodian appointed under By-law 18 are to-a) hold the foreign securities on deposit for the account of the Depositaryb) keep safe and segregated the foreign securities from the assets and liabilities of the Depositary,

the Custodian and or the foreign security issuer;perform services relating to the receipt and payment of dividends and other corporate actions on behalf of the Depositary;

Foreign securities to be registered

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- d) maintain a register of the foreign securities in custody;
- e) confirm the release and acquisition of foreign securities as instructed by the Depositary;
- f) provide the Depositary with copies of notices of shareholder meetings, annual reports and other shareholder communications that have been published by the foreign security;
- g) provide statements of foreign security balances for reconciliation with the Depositary issuer; and
- h) prepare reports and confirmations as communicated and requested by the Depositary .

PART VI

REGISTRATION OF DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS

20. No sponsored TTDR may be issued unless the foreign security issuer and foreign securities have been registered in accordance with the Act.

Registration 21. (1) An application for registration of a TTDR programme under requirements this Part must be made to the Commission by filing a completed registration statement on Form No.4 of Schedule 2 to the Securities Form No. 4 Industry By-laws. Schedule 2 (2)The application must be accompanied by the following documents : Chap. 83:02 a) a copy of the proposed Depositary Agreement; b) a copy of the proposed Prospectus for the distribution of TTDRs; c) in a sponsored TTDR Programme copies of the contracts between the foreign security issuer, the Depositary, the Custodian and the TTDR holders; d) in an unsponsored programmei. copies of the contracts between the Depositary and the Custodian and the Depositary and the TTDR holders; and ii. an acknowledgement of the right of the foreign security issuer to replace the unsponsored programme with а sponsored programme;

- (e) the fees set out in By-law 3; and
- (f) any other document that the Commission may require.

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Requirements of the	22. The proposed Depositary Agreement shall include details of-		
Depositary Agreement	a)	the obligations and duties of the Depositary towards the holders of TTDRs;	
	b)	the name and particulars of the Custodian;	
	c)	the voting and other rights of the holders of TTDRs and the nature and extent of those rights;	
	d)	the dividend rights of the holders of TTDRs and the arrangements for the payment of dividends;	
	e)	details of the underwriters, legal counsel, investment advisers and any other interested party involved in the arrangement and conduct of the TTDR programme;,	
	f)	the foreign exchange conversion and other currency related provisions;	
	g)	arrangements if any for the distribution of additional TTDRs;	
	h)	charges and fees of the Depositary and the Custodian;	
	i)	provisions for amendment to the Depositary Agreement amendment and for termination of the TTDR programme; and	
	j)	provisions for the issuance or cancellation TTDRs including conversion of the TTDRs into foreign securities.	

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PART VII

CONTINUOUS DISCLOSURE OBLIGATIONS

Material changes to Depositary Agreement to be filed	 23. Where a material change is made regarding the terms of a Depositary Agreement or a TTDR programme authorized under these Bylaws, the Depositary must – (a) file a notice of the change with the Commission; and (b) give notice to the TTDR holders, of the material change immediately or not later than five business days from the decision to implement that material change.
Continuous disclosure requirements	24. The Depositary shall comply with the provisions for continuous disclosure required by the Act and these By-laws.
Filing of annual and semi-annual financial reports	25. The Depositary shall file with the Commission its annual and semi-annual financial reports including the issuance and cancellation data relating to the TTDR programme, in accordance with the Act and these By-Laws.
Foreign security issuer to file certain documents	 26. (1) Where a foreign security issuer whose security is the subject of a TTDR programme, files any document required by a regulator, the Depositary shall file a copy of that document and make it available for public inspection at its registered office and on its internet website. (2) The Depositary must file any document referred to in paragraph (1) within five business days of the filing by the foreign security issuer.
Copy of Notice of material change to be filed	27. (1) Where a foreign security issuer files a notice of material change with any regulator, the Depositary shall file with the Commission a copy of the notice and make it available for public inspection at its registered office and on its internet website.
	(2) The Depositary must file the notice referred to in paragraph (1) within five business days of the filing by the foreign security issuer.
Filing of statements	28. (1)The Depositary shall file with the Commission true copies of
	a) the financial statements of the foreign security issuer; and
	 b) an extract of latest audited annual or other financial statements of the foreign security issuer which includes - i. income statements; ii. balance sheets;

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- iii. cash flow statement;
- iv. accounting policies; and
- v. notes to the accounts for the last financial year.

(2) The Depositary shall make the statements filed under paragraph (1) (a) available for public inspection at its registered office and on its internet website no later than five business days after the foreign security issuer has filed the statements with any securities regulatory authority.

(3) The Depositary shall make the extracts filed under paragraph (1) (b) available for public inspection at its registered office and on its internet website no later than ten business days after the foreign security issuer has filed the statements with any securities regulatory authority.

Statements must be	MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS
consistent	29. The extracts from the statements of the foreign security issuer must be consistent in form with the financial statements of the foreign security issuer.
Disclaimer	30. All financial statements, and other documents of a foreign security issuer filed with the Commission by a Depositary pursuant to these By- Laws must be certified by the Depositary as true copies of the originals that have been filed with the relevant securities regulatory authority but subject thereto the Depositary may disclaim responsibility for the contents of such financial statements and other documents.

Schedule 1

LIST OF APPROVED JURISDICTIONS

For the purposes of these Bye-laws the approved jurisdictions are as follows:

- (a) Canada;
- (b) The United States of America; and
- (c) The United Kingdom.

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Schedule 2

Market Access Fee

(Bye-law 3)

The annual market access fee to be paid by a Depositary shall be based on the Rate of 0.0075 per centum applied to the average annual value of the Trinidad and Tobago Receipts outstanding for the calendar year calculated on the average of the values outstanding as at March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31 of each calendar year.

Dated this

day of

, 2008.

Minister of Finance