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## APPOINTMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER TO THE COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY INTO ALL ASPECTS OF THE MANAGEMENT OF THE LAND ACQUISITION PROCESS BY THE NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SOLOMON HOCHOY HIGHWAY EXTENSION TO POINT FORTIN

(The Commissions of Enquiry Act, Chap. 19:01)

IN ACCORDANCE with section 15 of the Commissions of Enquiry Act, Chap. 19:01, of the Laws of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, notice is hereby given that on the ~~27<sup>th</sup>~~ <sup>27<sup>th</sup></sup> day of ~~March~~, ..... 2020, Her Excellency, PAULA-MAE WEEKES, O.R.T.T., President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, in exercise of the powers vested in her under section 3 of the said Act, altered the Commission of Enquiry to examine and enquire into all aspects of the management of the Land Acquisition Process by the National Infrastructure Development Company Limited (NIDCO) for the construction of the Solomon Hochoy Highway Extension to Point Fortin (SHHEPF Project), issued and gazetted on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2019, to include Mr. Kurt Lee Wen as a Commissioner to the said Commission:

### COMMISSION

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

By Her Excellency PAULA-MAE WEEKES, O.R.T.T., President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces.

PAULA-MAE WEEKES

President:

TO: Mr. Justice Sebastian Ventour (Retired)  
Gregory Delzin, Esquire  
Kurt Lee Wen, Esquire

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**WHEREAS** by section 2 of the Commissions of Enquiry Act, Chap. 19:01 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Act') it is provided, inter alia, that the President may whenever she deems it advisable, issue a Commission appointing one or more Commissioners, and authorising such Commissioners, or any quorum of them therein mentioned, to enquire into any matter in which an enquiry would, in the opinion of the President, be for the public welfare;

**AND WHEREAS** on the 16th day of July, 2019, I, **PAULA-MAE WEEKES**, President as foresaid, issued my Commission under section 2 of the Act appointing **Justice Sebastian Ventour (Retired)** and **Gregory Delzin**, Commissioners to examine and enquire into all aspects of the management of the Land Acquisition Process by the National Infrastructure Development Company Limited (NIDCO) for the construction of the Solomon Hochoy Highway Extension to Point Fortin (SHHEPF Project), and to enquire into the following Terms of Reference being matters set out hereunder and to make such findings, observations and recommendations arising out of its deliberations, as may be deemed appropriate, viz.:

To enquire into:

(i) the actions of and on behalf of the State in acquiring and taking steps to acquire properties and structures in respect of the construction of the extension of the Solomon Hochoy Highway Extension to Point Fortin (hereinafter referred to as "the SHHEPF Project")

(ii) Whether the Cabinet appointed Ministerial Oversight Committee which comprised-

1. Hon. Kamla Persad-Bissessar - Prime Minister (Chairman)
2. Hon. Stephen Cadiz - Minister of Trade and Industry
3. Hon. Winston Dookeran - Minister of Finance
4. Hon. Dr. Roodal Moonilal - Minister of Housing and the Environment
5. Hon. Chandresh Sharma - Minister of Local Government
6. Hon. Jack Warner - Minister of Works and Infrastructure
7. Senator the Hon. Emmanuel George - Minister of Public Utilities
8. Senator the Hon. Kevin Ramnarine - Minister of Energy and Energy Affairs
9. Senator the Hon. Bhoendradatt Tewarie - Minister of Planning and the Economy; and
10. Hon. Stacy Roopnarine - Minister of State in the Ministry of Works and Infrastructure

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fulfilled its mandate-

- (a) To act as a policy guidance mechanism for the implementation of the SHHEPF Project providing advice, as required, to the Cabinet on key areas of decision making and review as the SHHEPF Project progressed;
  - (b) To act as a mechanism to ensure that all approvals were efficiently obtained to allow for adherence to the SHHEPF Project timelines and quality standards;
  - (c) To oversee the implementation of the SHHEPF Project as it related to funding, quality metrics and time;
  - (d) To spearhead:-
    - 1. The public outreach aspect of the SHHEPF Project to ensure that the general public is kept informed as to the implications, impacts and benefits of the project to the country as a whole;
    - 2. The Community Outreach programme and the management of impacts to the affected stakeholders;
  - (e) To ensure:-
    - 1. that the proper monitoring and evaluation was undertaken and that the country received value for money output;
    - 2. the local construction industry benefitted from the implementation of the SHHEPF Project and that there was a transfer of knowledge to the extent possible in the implementation of the project;
  - (f) To establish guidelines for the relocation and compensation of affected persons;
- (iii) The decision of the National Infrastructure Development Company Limited (hereinafter referred to as "NIDCO") to reduce the right of way for the SHHEPF Project and to consider whether and what account was taken of the potential legal and financial implications to the State and property owners who were served with Section 3 Notices and Section 4 Orders under the Land Acquisition Act, Chap. 58:01

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- (iv) The circumstances which resulted in the State either acquiring or having taken steps to acquire properties that are no longer required for the construction of the SHHEPF Project
- (v) The compensation or non-compensation of persons who were served land acquisition Notice and Orders and/or who incurred expenses in submitting claims for compensation and/or whose properties are no longer required for the construction of the SHHEPF Project
- (vi) The processes which were utilized by the State and/or NIDCO for approving the payment of compensation to persons affected by the land acquisition process for the SHHEPF Project
- (vii) The process utilized by NIDCO and the Office of the Commissioner of State Lands (hereinafter referred to as "the COSL") for the allocation of lands to the persons affected by the land acquisition process for the SHHEPF Project including:
  - (a) Those situated at Petit Morne and Golconda to persons with good title;
  - (b) Those situated at Cedar Hill, Phase II to Squatters; and
  - (c) Farmers
- (viii) The process utilised by the State and/or NIDCO and/or the Trinidad and Tobago Housing Development Corporation for the relocation of persons including elderly/sick persons who were affected by the land acquisition process for the SHHEPF Project
- (ix) Whether persons who were allocated State lands and/or housing units from the Trinidad and Tobago Housing Development Corporation arising out of the land acquisition for the SHHEPF Project were eligible to receive same in accordance with the Cabinet approved compensation policy
- (x) Whether NIDCO and the COSL exercised due diligence in the allocation of State lands and/or housing units from the Trinidad and Tobago Housing Development Corporation
- (xi) Whether and what payments were made by persons in consideration of their being allocated State lands and/or housing units from the Trinidad and Tobago Housing Development Corporation under the Cabinet approved compensation policy

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- (xii) The valuation methodology utilised by NIDCO and COSL for the assessment and payment of compensation for the lands which were to be acquired by the State for the construction of the SHHEPF Project and the steps taken to ensure the integrity of the valuation process
- (xiii) Whether there were any conflicts of interest or other elements of impropriety on the part of the officials of the Valuation Division in the Ministry of Finance involved in the assessment of compensation for any of the properties which were subject to the land acquisition process for the SHHEPF Project and if so, the circumstances giving rise to same and the manner in which they were handled and/or addressed
- (xiv) The circumstances leading to legal claims being filed against the State and NIDCO arising out of the land acquisition process for the SHHEPF Project
- (xv) Whether there was an appropriate compensation policy in place on March 4th 2011 when NIDCO engaged the Design-Build Contractor, Construtora OAS Ltd (hereinafter referred to as "OAS") to complete design and construction works on the SHHEPF Project
- (xvi) The facts and circumstances surrounding the compensation policy which was in fact adopted by the State for the acquisition of land for the construction of the SHHEPF Project
- (xvii) Whether the Government's land acquisition compensation policy that was utilised for the acquisition of lands in respect of the construction of the SHHEPF Project was undertaken with appropriate due diligence and oversight and in a manner sufficient to ensure value for money and the absence of impropriety
- (xviii) The facts and circumstances surrounding the hiring by NIDCO of private attorneys/negotiating consultants and valuers by NIDCO to assist in its management of its Land Acquisition Portfolio for the acquisition of lands by the State for the SHHEPF Project
- (xix) Whether the Board of NIDCO and/or the executive management of NIDCO fulfilled and complied with the responsibilities and duties imposed upon them by law and by good corporate governance and practice in managing the Land Acquisition portfolio for the acquisition of lands by the State for the construction of the SHHEPF Project

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(xx) The identities of the officials, if any, who have failed in their duties or such other persons whose conduct may have been against the best interest of the State in the land acquisition process for the SHHEPF Project; and

II. To make such findings, observations and recommendations arising out of its deliberations, as may be deemed appropriate, in relation to-

- (i) Whether there has been any breach of duty by any persons or entities
- (ii) Whether there are any grounds for any criminal and civil proceedings to be initiated against any persons or entities
- (iii) Whether criminal proceedings should be recommended to the Director of Public Prosecutions for his consideration
- (iv) Whether civil proceedings should be recommended to the Attorney General for his consideration
- (v) The appropriate best practice to be utilised by the State for the acquisition of land required for public purposes; and
- (vi) Any other recommendations that may be deemed necessary in the circumstances;

AND WHEREAS by section 3 of the Act, it is provided, inter alia, that any Commission issued under the Act may be altered as the President thinks fit by any subsequent Commission issued by her;

AND WHEREAS the President on the advice of Cabinet has deemed it advisable to appoint an additional Commissioner:

NOW THEREFORE, I, PAULA-MAE WEEKES, President as aforesaid, in exercise of the power vested in me by section 3 of the Act, do hereby alter my Commission by appointing KURT LEE WEN, Commissioner to enquire into the matters aforesaid.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, at the Office of the President, St. Ann's, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2020.

  
Secretary to Cabinet.

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## CENTRAL BANK OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

## WEEKLY STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT AS AT 15TH APRIL, 2020

<i>Previous Week</i> \$000	<i>Assets</i>	<i>This Week</i> \$000
	<b>External Assets:</b>	
47,448,892	Balances, Investments, etc. ... ..	48,587,062
4,378,501	Subscriptions to I.M.F. ... ..	4,378,501
2,253,978	I.M.F.—S.D.R. Holdings ... ..	2,281,803
54,081,371		55,247,366
	<b>Trinidad and Tobago Government Securities:</b>	
91,232	Treasury Bills (Face Value) ... ..	60,032
27	Marketable Securities ... ..	27
91,259		60,059
	<b>Other Assets:</b>	
56,922	Trinidad and Tobago Dollar Securities ... ..	56,922
68,450	Advances to Government Authorities ... ..	68,450
2,836,395	Other Assets ... ..	2,842,041
2,961,767		2,967,413
142,807	<b>Fixed Assets</b>	142,807
57,277,204		58,417,645
	<b><i>Liabilities and Capital Account</i></b>	
	<b>Currency in Circulation:</b>	
7,351,053	Notes ... ..	7,363,180
248,790	Coins ... ..	248,907
7,599,843		7,612,087
	<b>Demand Liabilities:</b>	
17,462,451	Commercial Banks ... ..	17,908,908
206,172	Financial Institutions (Non-Banking) ... ..	206,522
(7,534,343)	Government and Governmental Organisations ... ..	(7,243,146)
420,969	International Organisations ... ..	420,969
634,453	Foreign Currency ... ..	634,453
1,311,226	Other ... ..	1,660,547
12,500,928		13,588,253
	<b>Other Liabilities:</b>	
2,992,954	Government S.D.R. Allocations ... ..	2,992,954
27,249,954	Other Liabilities ... ..	27,286,508
5,333,525	Specific Provisions ... ..	5,337,843
35,576,433		35,617,305
	<b>Capital and Reserves:</b>	
800,000	Capital Paid-up ... ..	800,000
800,000	General Reserve Fund ... ..	800,000
1,600,000		1,600,000
57,277,204		58,417,645

C. SUBRYAN  
Manager  
Finance and Accounting

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NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF DEFUNCT COMPANIES  
FROM REGISTER*[Section 461(5) of the Companies Act, 1995, Chap. 81:01]*

NOTICE is hereby given that the following Companies were struck off the Register of Companies on the 23rd January, 2020.

*Name of Companies*

A.K. EQUIPMENT LIMITED—A 3911 (95)  
 CRAZY ARTS MODIFICATIONS LTD.—C 6116 (95)  
 CATO FAYME LIMITED—C 6776 (95)  
 CLOTHES BASKET LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING LIMITED—C 6826 (95)  
 CORUNA LTD.—C 7384 (95)  
 EAST ASIA SOCIETY OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO—E 3672 (95)  
 FELLISSIMO INVESTMENTS LIMITED—F 1038 (95)  
 GLOBAL EXPERT SYSTEMS LTD.—G 2886 (95)  
 GLACIE ENTERPRISE LTD.—G 3030 (95)  
 ISLAND GRAPHICS LIMITED—I 422 (C)  
 JUSATASH HOLDINGS LIMITED—J 1369 (95)  
 LS SIGNAGE CONTRACTING SERVICES LIMITED—L 2168 (95)  
 NUTATION RECORDS LIMITED—N 1997 (95)  
 NILGRI INVESTMENTS LIMITED—N 2156 (95)  
 PREMIER MANAGEMENT LIMITED—P 2175 (95)  
 PANYARD PROMOTIONS LIMITED—P 3523 (95)  
 RETRIEVER SYSTEMS CO. LTD.—R 3553 (95)  
 PACIFIC MARINE SERVICES COMPANY LIMITED—P 1931 (95)  
 THE T&T SHOPPER MAGAZINE LTD.—T 3244 (95)  
 WESANDEE CONTRACTING LIMITED—W 1264 (95)  
 ALL PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES MARTIAL ARTS ORGANISATION OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO (APDMAOTT)—C 2013062504180  
 BLUEASE SMART UNIT LTD.—C 2013111406652  
 NAHUM MEDIA LIMITED—C 2013121207244  
 SMOOD TAXI & EQUIPMENT RENTAL LTD.—C 2015092200008  
 CASTELOS MAINTENANCE & CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED—C 2015092500089  
 FARIS AZIZ CONSULTING LTD.—C 2016072207887  
 DOUBLE PALM GUEST HOUSE LIMITED—C 2017110208473

Dated this 24th day of January, 2020 at the Registrar General's Office.

K. BRIDGEWATER  
*Registrar General*

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NOTICE is hereby given that the following Companies were struck off the Register of Companies on the 24th January, 2020.

*Name of Companies*

ARY'S RESTAURANT LIMITED—A 2829 (95)  
 BEST DOCTORS TT LIMITED—B 2723 (95)  
 CARIBBEAN STATIONERY SUPPLIES LIMITED—C 1632 (C)  
 CARIBPLAN COMPANY LTD.—C 4454 (95)  
 FAST CONTRACTORS LIMITED—F 1858 (95)  
 KWL TRADING LTD.—K 877 (95)  
 RAY CONSTRUCTON LIMITED—R 2510 (95)  
 REGENCY CATERING LIMITED—R 2993 (95)  
 S.V.A. COMPANY LIMITED—S 2209 (C)  
 S. DEONARINE INSURANCE SERVICES LIMITED—S 3108 (95)  
 SANSHAL SERVICES LIMITED—S 5915 (95)  
 TRIUNE INVESTMENTS LIMITED—T 4994 (95)  
 VALTARA COMPANY LIMITED—V 1359 (95)  
 THE FRINGE MOVEMENT LIMITED—C 2013082005242  
 WINGLI INTERNATIONAL TRADING LIMITED—C 2013091205609  
 GRACE'S ROTI CASTLE & CUISINE LTD.—C 2014030708738  
 THE YOUTH FACTOR—C 2014060900532  
 PRESTIGE IMAGE TRANSPORT AND AUTO RENTAL SERVICES LTD.—C 2014091802277  
 JAWARA MEDICAL LIMITED—C 2015020604959  
 TRINIDAD LOCKSMITH SERVICES LIMITED—C 2015061807986  
 EASTLYN CONSTRUCTON LIMITED—C 2016042005449  
 GOOD GRADE INDUSTRIES LTD.—C 2016071407645  
 LAM PROPERTIES LTD.—C 2016071507652  
 R.B. SUPERIOR LAWN & PROPERTY-CARE SERVICES LTD.—C 2016110800443

Dated this 24th day of January, 2020 at the Registrar General's Office.

K. BRIDGEWATER  
*Registrar General*