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#### SUPPLEMENT TO THIS ISSUE

THE DOCUMENTS detailed hereunder have been issued and are published as a Supplement to this issue of the *Trinidad and Tobago Gazette:* 

Legal Supplement Part B—

Notice of Submission for Public Comment on an Environmental Impact Assessment Report submitted by Block Five Company Limited —(Legal Notice No. 168 of 2007).

Approval in Respect of New Drugs-(Legal Notice No. 169 of 2007).

Legal Profession (Eligibility for Admission) (No. 12) Order, 2007-(Legal Notice No. 170 of 2007).

Legal Profession (Eligibility for Admission) (No. 13) Order, 2007-(Legal Notice No. 171 of 2007).

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REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

IN THE ESTATE OF

TAZIM UNAS KHAN also known as TAZIM KHAN—Deceased

of Opposite Light Pole No. 24, Akal Road, La Pastora, Santa Cruz, in the Island of Trinidad

who died on the 18th day of June, 2006

NOTICE is hereby given that creditors and other persons having claims against the Estate of the above-named TAZIM UNAS KHAN also known as TAZIM KHAN—deceased, should give notice in writing to the undersigned who are Attorneys-at-law for First Citizens Trust and Asset Management Limited, the Executor of the Will of the above-named deceased, not later than the 10th day of October, 2007, after which time the Executor intends to distribute the Estate of the said deceased among persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims for which notice have been received by the Attorneys-at-law.

Dated this 3rd day of September, 2007.

17–19, Pembroke Street Port-of-Spain. MARK J. LAQUIS POLLONAIS, BLANC, DE LA BASTIDE & JACELON Attorneys-at-law for the Executor

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REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

#### NOTICE TO JURORS

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that one of the Judges of the High Court of Justice will sit in Chambers at the Court House at San Fernando on WEDNESDAY THE 5TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2007 at 9.00 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of hearing applications by persons for exemption from serving as Jurors at the Session to be held at San Fernando on Tuesday 18th September, 2007.

All such applications should be made in writing.

Applications made after that date may not be entertained.

Dated the 6th day of August, 2007.

J. RODRIGUEZ Assistant Registrar, Supreme Court, San Fernando



tid the --

Ewart S. Williams Governor

CENTRAL BANK OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO July 31, 2007

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## Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago Updated Public Statement of The Industrial Court of Trinidad and Tobago In Compliance with sections 7, 8 and 9 of The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 1999

In accordance with Sections 7, 8 and 9 of the Freedom of Information Act, 1999 (FOIA) **The Industrial Court of Trinidad and Tobago** is required by law to publish the following statements which list the documents and information generally available to the public.

The Act gives members of the public:

- (1) A legal right for each person to access information held by the Industrial Court;
- (2) A legal right for each person to have official information relating to him/herself amended where it is incomplete, incorrect or misleading;
- (3) A legal right to obtain reasons for adverse decisions made regarding an applicant's request for information under the FOIA.
- (4) A legal right to complain to the Ombudsman and to apply to the High Court for Judical Review to challenge adverse decisions made under the FOIA.

Section 7 Statements

#### Section 7 (1) (a) (i) Function and structure of the Industrial Court

Mission Statement:

The Industrial Court's mission is to be an efficient and independent organization dispensing social justice, setting standards for management and labour jurisprudence, promoting industrial peace and contributing to the total development of Trinidad and Tobago.

The Industrial Court was established on March  $20^{th}$ ,1965 by section 5(1) of the Industrial Stabilisation Act. This act was repealed and replaced by the Industrial Relations Act, Chapter 88:01 on July  $31^{st}$  1972. The Industrial Court is a superior court of record. As a superior court of record it has a status that is equivalent to that of the High Court of Justice. It is a specialised court with its own peculiar jurisdiction. It is responsible for dispensing social justice.

The principal role of the Court is to settle unresolved disputes and other matters which arise between employers and trade unions representing the workers employed by the employers under the Industrial Relations Act, Chapter 88:01 (I.R.A.), the Retrenchment and Severance Benefits

Act, No. 32 of 1985, the Maternity Protection Act, No. 4 of 1998 and the Minimum Wages (Amendment) Act, No. 11 of 2000, the Civil Service Act )Chapter 23:01) and the Occupational Safety and Health Act (1 of 2004) as amended.

The Court consists of -

- a) A President of the Court who may be either:
  - i) A Judge of the Supreme Court of Judicature designated, with his consent, by the President of Trinidad and Tobago after consultation with the Chief Justice; or
  - ii) A person who has the qualification (age excepted) to be appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court of Judicature and is appointed by the President of Trinidad and Tobago after consultation with the Chief Justice.
- b) A Vice-President of the Court, who shall be a barrister or solicitor of not less than ten years standing, appointed by the President of Trinidad and Tobago;
- c) Such number of other members as may be determined by the President of Trinidad and Tobago from time to time who shall be appointed by the President of Trinidad and Tobago from among persons experienced in industrial relations or qualified as economists or accountants, or who are barristers or solicitors of not less than five years standing.

The Court sits in two Divisions:

- a) The General Services Division which exercises the jurisdiction of the Court as set out in section 7 of the Industrial Relations Act, Chapter 88:01 with respect to services other than essential services ; and
- b) The Essential Services Division which exercises the jurisdiction of the Court as set out in section 7 of the Industrial Relations Act, Chapter 88:01 with respect of essential services.

The Special Tribunal established by the Civil Service Act, Chapter 23:01 hears and determines disputes in the Civil Service, the Police Service, the Fire Service, the Prison Service, the Teaching Service, the Supplemental Police and Central Bank.

In addition to its inherent powers as a superior court of record, the Court has jurisdiction -

- a) to hear and determine trade disputes;
- b) to register collective agreements and to hear and determine matters relating to the registration of such agreements;
- c) to enjoin a trade union or other organization or workers or other persons or an employer from taking or continuing industrial action;
- d) to hear and determine proceedings for industrial relations offences under this Act;
- e) to hear and determine any other matter brought before it, pursuant to the Act.

The current Judges of the Court are:

H.H. Mr. Cecil Bernard	-	President
H.H. Mr. Gregory Baker	-	Vice-President
H.H. Mrs. Eleanor Donaldson-		
Honeywell	-	Chairman, Essential Services Division

#### MEMBERS - ESSENTIAL SERVICES DIVISION

H.H. Mr. Vernon Ashby H.H. Mrs. Judy Rajkumar-Gualbance H.H. Mrs. Victoria Harrigin

#### MEMBERS - GENERAL SERVICES DIVISION

H.H. Mr. Albert Aberdeen
H.H. Mr. Patrick Rabathaly
H.H. Mr. Ramchand Lutchmedial
H.H. Mrs Sandra Ramparas
H.H. Mrs Sandra Ramparas
H.H. Mr. Bindimattie Mahabir
H.H. Mr. Herbert Soverall
H.H. Mrs. Lenore Harris
H.H. Mrs. Ruby Thompson-Boddie
H.H. Mr. Augustus Ramrekersingh
H.H. Mrs. Deborah Thomas-Felix
H.H. Mrs. Heather Seale
H.H. Mrs. Yvette Simon
H.H. Mr. Robert Linton

The Court also has a Registrar and other public officers who are required to provide the necessary support services for the smooth, effective and efficient performance of the Court's work.

Section 82(i) of the Industrial Relations Act establishes the Office of Economic and Industrial Research which has the following functions:

- a) to collect and compile in accordance with the directions of the Court, information which may be of assistance to the Court in the exercise of its powers and functions under the Act;
- b) to keep information as collected and compiled up-to-date; and
- c) to carry out research in respect of such matters as the Court may direct.

Section 82 (3) stipulates that:

(3) Information collected and compiled and the results of research carried out, under this section shall be furnished to any person, trade union or other organization desiring to obtain that information or those results.

#### Effect of functions on members of the public

The work of the Court impacts directly on members of the public. The Court in its decisions lays down key principles and guidelines for the conduct of good industrial relations thus setting the climate for industrial stability.

### Section 7(1)(a)(ii) Categories of Documents in the possession of the Industrial Court:

- 1. Files dealing with administrative support and general administrative documents for the operations of the Industrial Court.
- 2. Personnel files, which detail all staff appointments, job applications, job specifications, promotions, transfers, resignations, deaths, retirements, leave, vacation etc.
- 3. Files dealing with the accounting and financial management function of the Industrial Court.
- 4. Financial Records (cheques, vouchers, receipts, journals etc.).
- 5. Files dealing with matters relating to the procurement of supplies, services and equipment.
- 6. Internal and External correspondence files.
- 7. Legislation and Legal Instruments.
- 8. Files dealing with Circulars, memoranda, notices, bulletins, etc.
- 9. Legislation and other legal instruments (Laws of TT, Gazettes and subsidiary legislation)
- 10. Registry files dealing with all trade disputes, industrial relations offences, essential services disputes, Retrenchment and Severance Benefits Disputes, Maternity Protection Disputes, Minimum Wages Disputes, applications for interpretations, interim decisions, injunctions, hearings de novo, etc. These files contain notes of evidence and arguments particular to the dispute.
- 11. Court decisions 1965 present
- 12. Local newspaper clippings on commentary on the Court, industrial relations, labour, trade unions, employment conditions, public sector policies.

- 13. Research notes produced by the Office of Economic and Industrial Research.
- 14. Registered collective agreements; registered memorandum of agreements.
- 15. Verbatim notes of evidence.
- 16. ILO reports, law reports, books and periodicals on industrial relations, employment, trade unions, management, economics and other peripheral subjects.

#### Section 7(1)(a)(iii) Material prepared for publication or inspection

The public may inspect and/or obtain copies of the following material between the hours of 8 a.m. to 4.pm on normal working days at:

The Library Industrial Court of Trinidad and Tobago Cor. Queen and St. Vincent Streets, P.O.S. Tel: 623-1304-8 exts. 2274-77 Fax: 623-6179

- · Judgments of the Court from 1965 present
- Annual bound volumes of Industrial Court Judgments. Presently available are volumes for years 1991, 1994, 1995, 1996 & 1997. Cost per volume is \$600.00.
- Labour legislation (I.R.A., R.S.B. Act, Minimum Wages Legislation, Maternity Protection Act). Cost per set is \$60.00.

The public can refer to the catalogue located in the Library for details on Court judgments.

The public may also inspect and/or obtain copies of the following material between the hours of 8.00 a.m to 4.00 p.m. on normal working days at:

The Office of Economic and Industrial Research Tel: 623-1304-8 exts. 2296, 2301-4

- Registered collective agreements
- Research notes on economic and industrial relations data.

#### Section 7 (1) (a) (iv) Literature available by subscription

Members of the public may subscribe for the following material:

• Current year's judgments - - quarterly subscription. Cost varies per quarter depending on the number of pages per judgment. Requests to be made in writing to:

The Librarian Industrial Court of Trinidad and Tobago St. Vincent St., P.O.S. Tel: 623-1304-8 ext. 2274-77

## Section 7 (1) (a) (v) Procedure to be followed when accessing a document from the Industrial Court

How to Request Information:

General Procedure

Our policy is to answer all requests, both oral and written, for information. However, in order to have the rights given to you by the FOIA (for example the right to challenge a decision if your request for information is refused), you <u>must make your request in writing</u>. The applicant must, therefore, complete the appropriate form (*Request for Access to Official Documents*) available in our **Library/Registry**, for information that is not readily available in the public domain.

#### Addressing Requests:

To facilitate prompt handling of your request, please address it to the Designated Officer of the Industrial Court (see Section 7(1)(a) (vi)).

Details in the Request

Applicants should provide details that will allow for ready identification and location of the records that are being requested. If insufficient information is provided clarification will be sought from the applicant. If you are not sure how to write your request or what details to include, communicate with our Designated Officer.

#### Requests not handled under the FOIA

• A request <u>under the FOIA</u> will not be processed to the extent that it asks for information, which is currently available in the public domain, either from this Court or from another public authority, for example brochures and pamphlets etc.

#### Responding to your Request

Retrieving Documents:

The Industrial Court is required to furnish copies of documents only when they are in our possession or where we can retrieve them from storage. Information stored in the National Archives or another storage center, will be retrieved in order to process your request.

- NOTE: Prior to the commencement of the Freedom of Information Act, 1999 old records may have been destroyed. The granting of a request for such documents may therefore be impossible. Various laws, regulations and manuals give the time periods for keeping records before they may be destroyed. For example, The Exchequer and Audit Act, Chap. 69:01.
- Furnishing Documents:

An applicant is entitled to copies of information we have in our possession, custody or power. We are required to furnish only one copy of a document. If we cannot make a legible copy of a document to be released, we may not attempt to reconstruct it. Instead, we will furnish the best copy possible and note its quality in our reply.

Please note we are not compelled to do the following:

- (a) Create new documents. For example, we are not required to write a new program so that a computer will print information in the format you prefer.
- (b) Perform research for you.

#### <u>Time Limits</u> General

The FOIA sets certain time limits for us to decide whether to disclose the documents you have requested. If we fail to meet the deadlines, the FOIA gives you the right to proceed as if your request has been denied. We will try diligently to comply with the time limits, but if it appears that processing your request may take longer than the statutory limit, we will acknowledge your request and advise you of its status. Since there is a possibility that requests may be misaddressed or misrouted, you may wish to call or write to confirm that we have received the request and to ascertain its status.

Time Allowed

The FOIA sets a time limit of thirty (30) calendar days from the date the request was received. We will determine whether to grant your request for access to information <u>as</u> <u>soon as practicable but no later than 30 days</u> as required by Section 15 of the FOIA. If a decision is taken to grant access to the information requested, you will be permitted to inspect the documents or be provided with copies, if you so request.

### Section 7 (1) (a) (vi) Officers in the Industrial Court responsible for:

- (1) The initial receipt of and action upon notices under section 10
- (2) Requests for access to documents under section 13 and
- (3) Applications for corrections of Personal Information under section 36 of the FOIA.

## The Designated Officer(s) is/are:

Ms. Judy Lee, Librarian I 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Industrial Court of Trinidad and Tobago Tel: 623-1304-8, ext. 2277

## The Alternate Officer (s) is/are:

Ms. Verna Mc Ewen, Ag. Clerk III Human Resource Unit 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Industrial Court.

Section 7 (1) (a) (vii) This section is not applicable to the Court.

## Section 7 (1) (a) (viii) Library/Reading Room Facilities

Information in the public domain can be accessed in our Library. You may make general enquiries to our Librarian/Library Staff at 623-1304-8 ext. 2274-77.

The Library is located on the second floor of the Industrial Court Building. The Library is open to the public from Mondays to Fridays between the hours of 8 am to 4 pm.

## Policy of the Industrial Court for provision of copies of documents held in the public domain

- Small charges for photocopies
- No bags allowed in the Library
- No smoking, eating or drinking is allowed in the Library
- Cell phones to be kept on mute mode

## Section 8 Statements

## Section 8 (1) (a) (i)

This section is not applicable.

#### Section 8 (1) (a) (ii)

Manuals, rules of procedure, statements of policy, records of decisions, letters of advice to persons outside the Industrial Court, or similar documents containing rules, policies, guidelines, practices or precedents.

Not applicable

#### Section 8 (1) (b)

In enforcing written laws or schemes administered by the Industrial Court where a member of the public might be directly affected by that enforcement, being documents containing information on the procedures to be employed or the objectives to be pursued in the enforcement of, the written laws or schemes.

Not applicable

#### Section 9

- (a) a report, or a statement containing the advice or recommendations, of a body or entity established within the public authority;
- (b) a report, or statement containing the advice or recommendations, of a body or entity established outside the public authority by or under a written law, or by a Minister of Government or other public authority for the purpose of submitting a report or reports, providing advice or making recommendations to the public authority or to the responsible Minister of that public authority;
- (c) a report, or a statement containing the advice or recommendations, of an interdepartmental Committee whose membership includes an officer of the public authority;
- (d) a report, or a statement containing the advice or recommendations, of a committee established within the public authority to submit a report provide advice or make recommendations to the responsible Minister of that public authority or to another officer of the public authority who is not a member committee;
- (e) a report (including a report concerning the results of studies, surveys or tests) prepared for the public authority by a scientific or technical expert, whether employed within the public authority or not, including a report expressing the opinion of such an expert on scientific or technical matters;
- (f) a report prepared for the public authority by a consultant who was paid for preparing the report;
- (g) a report prepared within the public authority and containing the results of studies, surveys or tests carried out for the purpose of assessing, or making recommendations on, the feasibility of establishing a new or proposed Government policy, programme or project;

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- (h) a report on the performance or efficiency of the public authority, or of an office, division or branch of the public authority, whether the report is of a general nature or concerns a particular policy, programme or project administered by the public authority;
- (i) a report containing final plans or proposals for the re-organisation of the functions of the public authority, the establishment of a new policy, programme or project to be administered by the public authority, or the alteration of an existing policy programme or project administered by the public authority, whether or not the plans or proposals are subject to approval by an officer of the public authority, another public authority, the responsible Minister of the public authority or Cabinet;
- (j) a statement prepared within the public authority and containing policy directions for the drafting of legislation;
- (k) a report of a test carried out within the public authority on a product for the purpose of purchasing equipment;
- (1) an environmental impact statement prepared within the public authority; and
- (m)a valuation report prepared for the public authority by a valuator, whether or not the valuator is an officer of the public authority.

Not applicable