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remember it has no resurrection**

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Vacancy Notices

OPEC Fund/UNFPA and Government of Saint Lucia HIV/AIDS Prevention Project

PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR

Objectives and Scope of Work :

The Project Coordinator will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the project, including the financial management, planning and liaising with the partner agencies and related inter-ministry mechanisms and support services to the national counterparts and will also be the main contact with the other programme partners.

General Mandate:

The Project Coordinator will be located within the Ministry of Health, Human Services, Family Affairs and Gender Relations, the executing agency, and will report to that Ministry. The incumbent will assume general responsibilities for ensuring coordination of the overall logistical aspects of project implementation. This includes monitoring of the implementation of the national prevention activities by agencies charged with the responsibility as agreed upon within the work plan, and coordination of community and target population consultations. The responsibilities will also include facilitating, selecting and contracting of providers, and the organisation of workshops, conferences and meetings. The Project Coordinator will also be the main contact with the programme partners.

He/she will be responsible for the daily operations of the project, including financial management, planning and organising of project activities, liaising with the partner agencies and inter-ministry mechanisms and support services to the national counterparts. This individual should have knowledge of HIV/AIDS issues in population development and an understanding of the challenges faced by youth. The Coordinator should possess networking capabilities (among pro-fes-

sionals, service providers, stakeholders, beneficiaries and international partners). This individual should be prepared to work under flexitime conditions and be willing to travel.

Specific Duties and Tasks:

Manage the implementation of the Project for HIV/AIDS Prevention in Saint Lucia in accordance with the partnership agreements between the international agencies – OPEC Fund, UNFPA and the Government of Saint Lucia.

Coordinate the inputs from the various local partners, the research activities, the national consultations and community workshops.

Coordinate the inputs of the international agencies to ensure timely achievement of planned results.

Monitor the implementation of the project to ensure the achievement of project outputs and outcomes.

Facilitate and monitor any provision of technical assistance through identification and awarding of short-term consultancies.

Support partner agencies in the implementation of HIV/AIDS prevention activities, including any advocacy interventions required in fostering the development of cooperation and coordination in relation to the wider National Strategic Action Plan.

Verify any discrepancies in reports from agencies.

Manage the expenditure of project funds within the limits of the program budget and financial agreement and according to the rules and procedures of the financing agencies.

Request quarterly disbursements and recommend release of funds based upon preceding submission of reports and receipts from agencies.

Prepare quarterly, annual and end-of-project narrative and financial reports.

Coordinate all program initiatives as required by UNFPA.

Qualifications and Experience:

Bachelors Degree in Management Studies, Public Administration, Social Science or Economics PLUS five (5) to seven (7) years experience.

OR

Masters Degree in Management Studies, Public Administration or Executive Masters in Business Administration PLUS three (3) to five (5) years experience.

Skills, Knowledge and Abilities:

Experience in project management and administration.

An understanding of sexual and reproductive health, HIV/AIDS, health, population and development issues.

An ability to work with a variety of social partners in the fields of health, social services, education and community development.

Excellent communication skills in speaking and writing English.

Financial Management skills.

Highly motivated.

Well organised, efficient with multi-tasks ability.

Ability to establish and maintain good working relations at all levels.

Experience with local non-governmental organisations, and/or international development organisations.

Reporting Relationships:

The Project Coordinator will report to the executing agency. The incumbent will liaise with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Liaison Officer who will in turn liaise with the UNFPA Caribbean Regional Office.

Salary:

Salary will be paid at the rate of EC \$62,488.70 per annum and will be liable to taxation in accordance with local legislation.

Applications should be accompanied by two (2) reference letters and forwarded by March 12, 2004 to:

The Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Health, Human Services,
Family Affairs and Gender Relations
2nd Floor
Sir Stanislaus James Building
Waterfront
Castries, Saint Lucia

OPEC Fund/UNFPA and Government of Saint Lucia HIV/AIDS Prevention Project

SECRETARY

Duties and Tasks:

The successful applicant will be required to work under the direction of and report to the Project Coordinator, National HIV/AIDS Prevention Programme.

The applicant will be required to:

Take dictation, whenever necessary, notes, letters, minutes of meetings, invitations etc. and type all correspondence, reports, policy papers and correspondence, reports, policy papers and administration instructions.

Proof-read all letters, memoranda or other documents prepared for signature or attention.

Receive and direct incoming telephone calls or visitors, handle inquires, record scheduled meetings and arrange appointments and interviews.

Prepare agenda for official meetings, prepare and make copies of documents and circulates them as required.

Sends acknowledgements of letters and invitations received and draft routine letters and correspondence as directed.

Operate typewriters, computers, photocopiers and other office machines.

Maintain files of correspondence, reports, circular and other written or type-written records.

Performs such other duties, as may be assigned from time-to-time by the Project Coordinator.

Qualifications and Experience:

Diploma in Secretarial Studies from Sir Arthur Lewis Community College or RSA/ Pitmans Certificate plus three (3) years post qualifying experience.

Skills, Knowledge and Abilities:

Required to be proficient in the use of computers, facsimile and photocopying machines.

Working knowledge of electronic typewriters and computers.

Working knowledge of Word Pro-cessing, Spreadsheets and other relevant computer programmes.

Ability to type at a minimum speed of 60 words per minute (wpm).

Ability to take dictation at a minimum of 80 words per minute (wpm).

Reporting Relationships:

The Secretary will report to the Project Coordinator.

Evaluation Method:

Work performance will be evaluated on the basis of:

Margin of error and the quality of presentation of typed correspondence and other documents.

Time taken to complete assignments and ability to meet deadlines.

Extent to which "Quarterly Progress Reports" actually reflect work done and assessed.

Effective implementation of duties and responsibilities and assignments as defined in the job description.

Remuneration Package:

Salary will be paid at the rate of EC \$27,169.00 per annum and will be liable to taxation in accordance with local legislation.

Applications should be accompanied by two (2) reference letters and forwarded by March 12, 2004 to:

The Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Health, Human Services,
Family Affairs and Gender Relations
2nd Floor
Sir Stanislaus James Building
Waterfront
Castries, Saint Lucia

WELLSBOROUGH DEVELOPMENT LTD. No. 2004-00062

has registered a further amendment to its Articles and Memorandum of Association and has changed its name to :

DENBIGH HOLDINGS LTD.

Dated this 13th day of February, 2004.

Lester D. Martyr
Registrar
International Business Companies.

Ministry of Finance,
International Financial Services
and Economic Affairs

INTERNATIONAL MUTUAL FUNDS ACT

NO. 44 OF 1999
(the "Act")

REVOCATION OF INTERNATIONAL MUTUAL FUNDS ADMINISTRATOR LICENCE

CROZIER FUND ADMINISTRATORS LTD.

PURSUANT to Section 36 (1) (a) of the International Mutual Funds Act No. 44 of 1999, the Minister responsible for International Financial Services (The Honourable Dr. Kenny D. Anthony), has revoked the International Mutual Fund Administrator license, IMFA/002(U) of Crozier Fund Administrators Ltd.

The date of Revocation is February 4th, 2004.

Dated: February 4th, 2004.

Signed: Nestor Alfred
Director of International Financial Services.

CUSTOMS EXCHANGE RATES

EFFECTIVE MONDAY,

NOTICES

CHANGE OF NAME OF INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMPANY

(International Business Companies Act, 1999: Section 10 (5))

TAKE notice that the International Business Company incorporated on 02nd February, 2004 as:

1ST MARCH, 2004

It is notified for general information that under the provisions of section 78 (2) of the Customs (Control and Management) Act No. 23 of 1990 as amended that the under-mentioned rates of exchange shall be used for determining their equivalent in E. C. dollars.

U. K. Pound	5.1787
U.S.A	2.7169
Canadian Dollar	2.0908
Swiss Franc	2.3227
D.Krs.(Danish Kroners)	0.4925
Japanese Yen	0.0283
NZ (New Zealand Dollar)	2.0173
Australian Dollar	2.2715
Jamaican Dollar	0.0445
Guyanese Dollar	0.0139
Swedish Kroners	0.3984
Venezuelan Bolivars	0.0014
Barbados Dollar	1.3568
Trinidad Dollar	0.4545
Euro	3.6596

HERMAN ST. HELEN,
Comptroller of Customs & Excise(Ag.).

POST OFFICE NOTICE

25th Anniversary of Saint Lucia's Independence

THE public is informed that an issue of stamps commemorating the 25th Anniversary of Saint Lucia's Independence will be released for sale at all post office outlets on Friday 20th February, 2004.

The issue comprises a set of four stamps as follows:

20c – captures the moment at midnight

when the union jack was lowered for the last time and Saint Lucia's Flag was raised for the first time. Standing by is HRH Princess Alexandra (representative of HRH Queen Elizabeth II) with Saint Lucia's first Prime Minister, The Right Honourable John Compton.

95c – depicts a composite of industries including air and sea trade, Tourism, the Banana Industry (representing the Agricultural Sector) and the 'people' represented by a boy and girl reading the allegorical Book of Knowledge. The square rigged ship depicts the pioneering history of the island when sailing vessels were the only means of communication between nations and Saint Lucia provided a 'safe anchorage for ships' in the Harbour of Castries.

\$1.10 – shows the 25th Anniversary symbol framed in green banana leaves against a mauve background.

\$5.00 – depicts the Castries Harbour with four mega ships berthed alongside the several deep-water wharves of which Sainty Lucia is so famous, ever since the days of steam when the harbour was a bustling coaling depot that ranked 13th in the whole of the British Empire at the time.

Souvenir Sheets

Souvenir Sheets will not be available.

First Day Covers

First Day Covers are available at a cost of \$10.25 each.

First Day of Issue Postmark

All letters posted up to mid-night on Friday 20th February, 2004 will receive the first day of issue postmark.

The stamps will remain on sale for a period of six months or until stock is exhausted, whichever is the sooner.

Ms. I. Charlemagne
Postmaster General
General Post Office
Castries

INVITATION TO TENDER

THE Banana Industry Trust for Saint Lucia intends to award a works contract for the finalization of drainage

works at the Mabouya Valley, Saint Lucia with financial assistance from the Budget Line B7-8710-SFA1999 Saint Lucia Programme of the European Communities. The tender dossier is available from the Banana Industry Trust, American Drywall Building, Castries, Saint Lucia at a cost of EC\$500.00. The deadline for submission of the tenders is 12:00 noon on Friday 23rd April, 2004.

(PUBLIC INVITATION TO TENDER)

The purchase of Computer Hardware and Software

THE Customs & Excise Department under the ASYCUDA++ Project, hereby invite tenders for the supply of computer hardware and software. Detail specifications and quantities are as follows:

2 Computer Servers with at least the following specifications :

- 2 X 2.4 GHZ Intel Xeon Processor
- 4 X 80GB Hard Drives Storage
- Raid 5 With 128MB Primary Controller
- 512K Cache, 2GB DDR SDRAM
- 1000MT Copper Gigabit Network Adapter
- 20/40GB DDS4 Tape Backup Drive (Internal)
- 56KB F/Modem
- 24x IDE Cd-rw
- 3.5 In 1.44MB Floppy Drive
- 17" Flat Screen Monitor
- Multimedia Keyboard+Mouse
- Redundant Power Supply
- Red Hat Linux Advance Server 2.1
- Oracle 9i Standard Edititon (Base License)

1 Desktop Computer with at least the following specifications:

- 1 X 3.06 Ghz Intel Xeon Processor
- 1 X 80gb Hard Drives Storage, 512k L2

Cache,
 2gb Ddr SDRAM,
 56kb F/Modem
 10/100 Network Interface Card
 8x Ide Dvd+Rw/+R
 3.5 In 1.44mb Floppy Drive
 128mb Vga/Dvi Video Card
 Onboard Sound Card
 Speakers
 20" Flat Panel Monitor
 Multimedia Keyboard+Mouse
 Windows Xp Professional

3 Desktop Computers with at least the following specification :

1 X 2.40 Ghz Intel Xeon Processor
 1 X 80gb Hard Drives Storage, 512k L2 Cache, 1gb Ddr SDRAM
 48x Ide Cd+Rw
 3.5 In 1.44mb Floppy Drive
 128mb Vga/Dvi Video Card
 Onboard Soundcard
 Speakers
 17" Flat Panel Monitor
 Multimedia Keyboard+Mouse
 Windows Xp Professional

Other Accessories:

Portable Multimedia Projector
 5(pack) X 20/40gb Dds4 Tape Media
 4 X 24-port Unmanaged Switch W/1gb Port

Tenders should be submitted no later than **March 9th 2004**, in a sealed envelope clearly written **TENDERS FOR SUPPLY OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT, ASYCUDA ++ PROJECT** and should be addressed to:

Chairman
 Departmental Tenders Board
 Ministry of Finance, International Financial Services and Economic Affairs
 3rd Floor, Financial Services Building
 Bridge Street, Castries.

Government does not bind itself to

accept the lowest bid.

Ministry of Communications, Works, Transport and Public Utilities

INVITATION TO BID

THE Government of Saint Lucia (GOSL) has applied for a loan from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) towards the cost of Flood Mitigation – Castries and Anse La Raye, St. Lucia. The project is being implemented by the Ministry of Communications, Works, Transport and Public Utilities (MCWT-PU) through its Special Projects Unit.

Eligible contractors are invited to submit Bids for each or combinations of the following packages:

Location – Castries

Package CALR 001 – The works include the construction of a flood detention pond and pipe installation, rehabilitation of the George V Park drain and landscaping. Selected work items and their appropriate quantities are:

Excavation –	3,600 cubic metres (m ³)
Fill –	1,200 m ³
Installation of 1.5m diameter pipe –	135 metres (m)
Reinforced concrete –	950 m ³
Landscaping –	1,400 square metres (m ²)

Package CALC 002 – The works include the improvement to the Jean Baptiste Street and Parris Street drains; construction of a Chaussee Road culvert/drain, vertical realignment of the Darling Road - Jean Baptiste Street junction, and traffic management within the city of Castries. Selected work items and their appropriate quantities are:

Excavation:	4,200 m ³
Fill:	1,500 m ³
Reinforced concrete:	900 m ³
Road construction:	4,000 m ²
5m wide culvert along Jean Baptiste Street:	120m

Installation of 1.5m dia. pipe of Jean Baptiste St.:	250m
2.5m wide culvert/drain on Chaussee Road:	200m
Improvement to and removal of silt and debris from existing drains:	640m

Location – Anse La Raye

Package CALR 003 – The works include construction of retaining walls, earth embankments and flood berms, diversion of the Petite Riviere and central ravine, temporary diversion of the West Coast Road to facilitate traffic, management, construction of two culvert/bridge structures and vertical realignment of a section of the West Coast Road. Selected work items and their appropriate quantities are:

Excavation:	12,100m ³
Fill:	15,800m ³
Reinforced concrete:	700 m ³
Gabions:	1,100 m ³
Rubble masonry:	500 m ³
Road construction:	1,000 m ³

Eligible contractors will be limited to firms and joint ventures of firms which are legally incorporated or otherwise organised and have their principal place of business, in one of the member countries of CDB and Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) are either:

- (a) more than 50% beneficially owned by a citizen or citizens and/or a bona fide resident or residents of one of the CDB and IDB member countries, or a body corporate or bodies corporate meeting these requirements; and
- (b) owned or controlled by the Government of an eligible country provided that it is legally and financially autonomous and operated under the commercial law of an eligible country.

Detailed information on the qualification criteria is available at no charge from the first address provided below. The requirements for qualification will include:

- (a) an average annual turnover (defined as billing for works in process and

completed) over the last five years of US\$1.0 million (mn), US\$2.0 mn and US\$2.0 mn equivalent for packages, 001, 002 and 003, respectively;

- (b) experience as a prime contractor in the construction of at least two (2) assignment of a nature and complexity comparable to the proposed project activity within the last ten (10) years (to comply with this requirement, works quoted should be at least 80 percent complete) for each Package;
- (c) Project (Contract) Manager with fifteen years experience, ten of which have been spent in works of an equivalent nature and scope, including not less than five (5) as a Manager, for each Package; and
- (d) Demonstrable cash flow including access to credit of US\$0.3 million (MN), US\$0.6mn and US\$0.5 mn equivalent for Packages CALR 001, CALR 002, CALR 003, respectively.

Eligible contractors will be required to submit full qualification information with their Bids outlining their experience and record on similar projects, financial capacity, qualifications and experience of supervising personnel and equipment capabilities. Bid and qualification information is to be submitted in the English language and presented on the prescribed forms in the Bidding documents. Submissions which do not provide the information required, or do not demonstrate the prospective contractor's ability to perform satisfactorily, will not qualify and will not be considered for further evaluation.

Contractors wishing to submit Bids may obtain the required documents from the first address below. Requests must be clearly marked: "Request for Bidding Documents for the Improvement of the Drainage Systems in Castries and Anse La Raye, St. Lucia" and must clearly identify for which Package or combination of Packages the application is made.

Requests must be accompanied by a non-refundable fee of US\$350 or its equivalent in a freely convertible currency for each Package. Payment should be by bank draft or certified Cheque made payable to the Accountant General of Saint Lucia. Applicants who request that documents be forwarded to them must submit

an account number from a local courier agent that accepts freight collect charges. Documents will be promptly dispatched but under no circumstances will GOSL be held responsible for late delivery or loss of the documents so transmitted.

Bids must be received at the third address below not later than 1200 hours on Tuesday May 4, 2004. Completed qualification forms only must be submitted simultaneously to the second address below. Bids failing to comply with any of the submission requirements will not be accepted by the Central Tenders Board and hence rejected and will be returned to the respective Bidders.

GOSL reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, or combination of bids, to annual the process and reject all Bids at any time prior to award of contract without thereby incurring any liability to the affected prospective contractor(s) or any obligation to inform the prospective contractor(s) of the grounds for GOSL's action.

Bid documents will be available from Monday, March 1, 2004 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, at the first address below.

The Programme Coordinator
Special Projects Unit
Ministry of Communications, Works,
Transport and Public Utilities
Rodney Bay, Gros Islet
St. Lucia, W.I.

Tel: (758) 452-0998/458-4096
Fax: (758) 458-0801
Email: eipeml@yahoo.com

Division Chief
Project Supervision Division
Caribbean Development Bank
P.O. Box 408
Wilkey
St. Michael
Barbados, W.I.

Tel: (246) 431-1600
Fax: (246) 426-7269

The Chairperson
Central Tenders Board
Treasury Chambers
Old Government Building
Laborie Street
Castries

Saint Lucia, W.I.

**Ministry of Commerce,
Investment and Consumer Affairs**

Consulting Service

PROPOSALS are invited from persons interested for Consultancy on the Development of a Strategic Plan for the Ministry of Commerce, Investment and Consumer Affairs.

The Ministry of Commerce, Investment and Consumer Affairs with assistance from the Office of Private Sector Relations (OPSR) under the Private Sector Development Programme, for Business Environment Enhancement at the Public Sector level, will undertake a project for the Development of a Strategic Plan for the Ministry.

Assignment :

The primary purpose of this assignment is to undertake a consultancy to analyse the Ministry's existing operating systems and define an appropriate corporate strategy and organizational structure required to deliver the necessary services to its targeted customers/ stakeholders.

Expected Outcome And Deliverables:

Develop a comprehensive, practical and implementable Strategic Plan for the Ministry of Commerce, Investment and Consumer Affairs detailing the interventions that must be undertaken to accomplish the Ministry's strategic objectives, utilizing currently available human, financial and physical resources.

Make recommendations for the institution of the necessary arrangements and systems required for the implementation of the Strategic Plan

Prepare relevant estimates and time frame for implementation of recommendations outlined in the business Plan.

Develop core and sequential implementation schedule outlining the immediate, medium and long term strategies to be pursued.

Prepare Terms of Reference for and associated project to review the Legislative and Regulatory instruments relevant to the Ministry of Commerce.

Competency and expertise requirements:

The consultant should be professionally trained in the disciplines of Commerce, Trade Economics or related areas and should have extensive and specific working experience in the sector.

The consultant is required to have experience in developing and establishing Organizational Business Plans/Strategies within Governmental and Non-governmental institutions.

The consultant should be familiar with the requirements of the WTO, GATS Agreement and other current Trade Agreement/ Negotiations such as CSME and FTAA.

The consultant should have relevant experience working in Saint Lucia or in the English Speaking Caribbean.

Conduct of Work:

The consultancy services should be provided over a fifty (50) person day period, and will involve the commitment and involvement of the Management and staff of the Ministry of Commerce, Investment and Consumer Affairs in addition to the assignment of an officer to work alongside the consultant.

During the execution of the consultancy, the consultant is expected to engage all stakeholders both in the public and private sectors in extensive consultation and dialogue regarding the assignment.

Interested consultants may obtain further information from the **Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Investment and Consumer Affairs, Heraldine Rock Building, Waterfront, Castries - Telephone 758-468- 4204 Mondays through Fridays from 0900 hours (9:00 a.m.) to 1600 hours (4:00 p.m.)**

Proposals must be delivered to the address below by Monday, March 15, 2004:

Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Commerce, Investment and Consumer Affairs
Heraldine Rock Building
The waterfront

Castries, Saint Lucia
Tel: (758) 468-4203
Fax: (758) 453-7347
E-Mail: mitandt@candw.lc

Defendant

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of Judgement of the High Court dated **24th day of March, 2000**, against the Defendant herein and Writ of Execution Returnable on the **20th day of May, 2004**, there will be put up for Sale and Adjudication by the Sheriff or her Officer to the highest bidder in the High Court House, on Peynier Street, in the city of Castries on **Wednesday the 19th day of May, 2004** at ten o'clock in the forenoon the following **immovable** property of the Defendant to wit:

SCHEDULE

All that piece or parcel of land forming part of Monchy Estate in the quarter of Gros Islet containing 20 acres one rood and eighteen perches or 8.65 hectares and shown on the Land Registry Map Sheet No. 1453B fro the registration Quarter of Castries to be bounded as follows:

North: Partly by Block 1454B Parcels 14 and 647

South: Partly by Block 1453B Parcel 9 and a road reserve

East: by Block 1453B Parcel 13

West: Partly by Block 1453B Parcels 378,379 and 401

TOGETHER with all the appurtenances and dependencies thereof. The said portion of land is registered in the Land Registry as Block 1453B Parcel No. 208 in the name of the defendant as absolute owner.

TITLE: Deed of Sale Thomas Augustin *etal* to the defendant dated 12th April 1990 and registered in the Land Registry on 23rd April 1990 as Instrument No. 1394/90.

UPSET PRICE: \$1,500,000.00

Sheriff's Office
Peynier Street,
Castries

[Second Publication]

Judicial Sale

NOTICE is hereby given that the immovable property hereinafter described will be put up for Sale and Adjudication by the Sheriff, or her Officer, at the Court House or at the Registrar's Office in the City of Castries, on the day of Sale hereinafter stated for each property between the hours of ten and eleven ~~o'clock in the forenoon~~ by the Court House clock.

The purchase money shall be payable as follows:

1. The Officer conducting the sale shall require from the Bidder a deposit or a certified banker's cheque in the sum of **ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND ONE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-FOUR CENTS (\$132,501.74)** equal to one tenth of the debt (in principal, interest and costs) due to the seizing party.
2. The Purchaser shall pay the Sheriff the Purchase price less the deposit within six months of the date of sale with interest thereon at the rate of six percent per annum. In default of such payment the deposit paid by the Purchaser shall be forfeited and shall be applied towards the Judgement Debt.

SAINT LUCIA

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
(CIVIL)

No. 84 of 2000

Between :
NATIONAL INSURANCE CORPORATION

Claimant

and

HELENAIR CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that the immovable property hereinafter described will be put up for Sale and Adjudication by the Sheriff, or her Officer, at the Court House or at the Registrar's Office in the City of Castries, on the

day of Sale hereinafter stated for each property between the hours of ten and eleven o'clock in the forenoon by the Court House clock.

The purchase money shall be payable as follows:

1. The Office conducting the sale shall require from the Bidder a deposit or a certified banker's cheque in the sum of **NINETY-EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FORTY-TWO DOLLARS AND THREE CENTS (\$98,842.03)** equal to one tenth of the debt (in principal, interest and costs) due to the seizing party.
2. The Purchaser shall pay the Sheriff the Purchase price less the deposit within six months of the date of sale with interest thereon at the rate of six percent per annum. In default of such payment the deposit paid by the Purchaser shall be forfeited and shall be applied towards the Judgement Debt.

SAINT LUCIA

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
(CIVIL)

No. 386 of 1996

Between :

NATIONAL INSURANCE
CORPORATION

Claimant

and

FRANCIS AND FRANCIS LTD.

Defendant

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of Judgement of the High Court dated **27th day of September, 1996**, against the Defendant herein and Writ of Execution Returnable on the **20th day of May, 2004**, there will be put up for Sale and Adjudication by the Sheriff or her Officer to the highest bidder in the High Court House, on Peynier Street, in the city of Castries on **Tuesday the 18th day of May, 2004** at ten o'clock in the forenoon the following **immovable** property of the Defendant to wit:

SCHEDULE

All that piece or parcel of land situate at Rose Hill in the City of Castries containing approximately 0.03 hectares and

registered in the Land Registry as Block 0848D Parcel 577 in the Registration quarter of Urban Castries and shown on the Registry Map to be bounded as follows:

North: by Block 0848D 570

South: by Block 0848D 600

East: by a public road

West: partly by Block 0848D 598,599 and 600

TOGETHER with all the appurtenances and dependencies thereof.

The whole shown on plan of survey by A. J. Hippolyte Licensed Land Surveyor dated 17th September 1992 and lodged at the Survey Office on 2nd October 1992 as Drawing No C8111B Record No. 475/92.

TITLE: Deed of Sale by Ruth Theobalds et al to the Defendant executed before Vernon A. Cooper on 3rd June 1994 and registered in the Land Registry on 10th June 1994 as instrument No. 2148/94.

SECOND SCHEDULE

All that piece or parcel of land situate at Rose Hill in the City of Castries containing approximately 0.05 hectares and registered in the Land Registry as Block 0848D Parcel 600 in the Registration quarter of Urban Castries and shown on the Registry Map to be bounded as follows:

North: by Block 0848D 577

South: partly by Block 0848D 601 and 605

East: by a public road and

West: by Block 0848D 613

TOGETHER with all the appurtenances and dependencies including a building erected thereon.

The whole shown on Plan of Survey by Neville Crane Licensed Land Surveyor dated 29th June 1979 and lodged at the Commissioner Crown Land as Drawing No C5568 and record No 250/79.

TITLE: Deed of Sale by Emmanuel Prevost et al to the Defendant executed before Jennifer A. Remy on 29th March, 1990 and registered on 26th April 1990 as instrument No 1434/90.

UPSET PRICE: \$ 253,848.00

Sheriff's Office
Peynier Street,
Castries

[Second Publication]

Trade Mark Applications

REGISTRY OF
COMPANIES & INTELLECTUAL
PROPERTY

SAINT LUCIA

NOTICE is hereby given that the following ~~trademarks~~ applications have been accepted for registration. Any person who has grounds of Opposition to the registration of any of the Marks advertised herein according to the classes under the heading "Trademarks Applications advertised before Registration", may within three (3) months from the date of this publication, file Notice of Opposition accompanied by a fee of \$30.00.

N. B. All trademarks are published under the **NICE CLASSIFICATION (EIGHTH EDITION) NCL (8)**.

File No (210): TM/2003/ 000315

Mark name: TOUCH OF SMOOTHNESS

Applicant (730): Unilever PLC

Filing date (220): 03/09/2003

Class (511): 3 (Soaps, liquid soaps, bath and shower preparations including bath foam and shower gels, perfumery, essential oils, cosmetics, colognes, eau de toilette, perfume body sprays, oils, creams

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shaving lotions, talcum powder, hair lotions, dentifrices, non-medicated mouthwashes, deodorants, anti-perspirants for personal use, non-

medicated toilet preparations.)

Agent: Gordon, Gordon & Co

TOUCH OF SMOOTHNESS

File No (210): TM/2003/ 000319

Mark name: LUX ENERGISING SPLASH

Applicant (730): Unilever PLC

Filing date (220): 03/09/2003

Class (511): 3 (Soaps, liquid soaps, bath and shower preparations including bath foam and shower gels, perfumery, essential oils, cosmetics, colognes, eau de toilette, perfume body sprays, oils, creams

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lotions, dentifrices, non-medicated mouthwashes, deodorants, anti-perspirants for personal use, non-medicated toilet preparations.)

Agent: Gordon, Gordon & Co

LUX ENERGISING SPLASH

File No (210): TM/2003/ 000321

Applicant (730): Unilever PLC

Filing date (220): 03/09/2003

Class (511): 3 (Soaps, liquid soaps, bath and shower preparations including bath foam and shower gels, perfumery, essential oils, cosmetics, colognes, eau de toilette, perfume body sprays, oils, creams and lotion for the skin, shaving foam, shaving gel, pre-shaving and after-shaving lotions, talcum powder, hair lotions, dentifrices, non-medicated mouthwashes, deodorants, anti-perspirants for personal use, non-medicated toilet preparations.)

Agent: Gordon, Gordon & Co

LUX RADIANT NUTRITION

File No (210): TM/2003/ 000322

Mark name: LUX MARINE MASSAGE

Applicant (730): Unilever PLC

Filing date (220): 03/09/2003

Class (511): 3 (Soaps, liquid soaps, bath and shower preparations including bath foam and shower gels, perfumery, essential oils, cosmetics, colognes, eau de toilette, perfume body sprays, oils, creams and lotion for the skin, shaving foam, shaving gel, pre-shaving and after-shaving lotions, talcum powder, hair

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perspirants for personal use, non-medicated toilet preparations.)

Agent: Gordon, Gordon & Co

LUX MARINE MASSAGE

File No (210): TM/2003/ 000430

Mark name: HUBBA BUBBA BUBBLE TAPE AWESOME ORIGINAL

Applicant (730): Wm. Wrigley Jr. Company

Filing date (220): 29/12/2003

Class (511): 30 (Confectionery, namely, bubble gum, chewing gum, candy, and mints.)

Limitation: Registration of this mark shall give no exclusive rights to the separate use of the words 'bubble' or 'original'.

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File No (210): TM/2003/ 000431

Mark name: HUBBA BUBBA BUBBLE TAPE SNAPPY STRAWBERRY

Applicant (730): Wm. Wrigley Jr. Company

Filing date (220): 29/12/2003

Class (511): 30 (Confectionery, namely, bubble gum, chewing gum, candy, and mints.)

Limitation: Registration of this mark shall give no exclusive rights to the separate use of the words 'bubble' or 'strawberry'.

Agent: Gordon, Gordon & Co

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File No (210): TM/2003/ 000432

Mark name: HUBBA BUBBA BUBBLE JUG SHAKE N' CHUG TROPICAL FRUIT

Applicant (730): Wm. Wrigley Jr. Company

Filing date (220): 29/12/2003

Class (511): 30 (Confectionery, namely, bubble gum, chewing gum, candy, and mints.)

Limitation: Registration of this mark shall give no exclusive rights to the separate use of the words 'bubble', 'tropical fruit' or 'bubble gum'.

Agent: Gordon, Gordon & Co

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File No (210): TM/2003/ 000433

Mark name: HUBBA BUBBA
BUBBLE JUG SHAKE N' CHUG
WATERMELON PUNCH

Applicant (730): Wm. Wrigley Jr.
Company

Filing date (220): 29/12/2003

Class (511): 30 (Confectionery,
namely, bubble gum, chewing gum,
candy, and mints.)

Limitation: Registration of this mark
shall give no exclusive rights to the
separate use of the words 'bubble' or
'watermelon' or the phrase 'bubble
gum'.

Agent: Gordon, Gordon & Co

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APPLICATION**



File No (210): TM/2003/ 000434

Mark name: HUBBA BUBBA BUBBLE
TAPE GUSHING GRAPE

Applicant (730): Wm. Wrigley Jr.
Company

Filing date (220): 29/12/2003

Class (511): 30 (Confectionery, namely,
bubble gum, chewing gum, candy,
and mints.)

Limitation: Registration of this mark
shall give no exclusive rights to the
separate use of the words 'bubble'
or 'grape'.

Agent: Gordon, Gordon & Co



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APPLICATION**

File No (210): TM/2003/ 000435

Mark name: HUBBA BUBBA OUCH
BUBBLE GUM

Applicant (730): Wm. Wrigley Jr.
Company

Filing date (220): 30/12/2003

Class (511): 30 (Confectionery, namely,
bubble gum, chewing gum, candy,
and mints.)

Limitation: There shall be no exclusive
rights to the separate use of the
words 'Bubble Gum' apart from the
mark.

Agent: Gordon, Gordon & Co



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APPLICATION**

File No (210): TM/2004/ 000022

Mark name: SAVVYTV

Applicant (730): HSN LP

Filing date (220): 12/02/2004

Class (511): 35 (The bringing together,
for the benefit of others, of a
variety of goods (excluding the
transportation thereof) enabling
customers to conveniently view
and purchase those goods; namely,
retailing services in the field of
general merchandise, including
retailing services offered through
an interactive global computer
network, interactive television, and
retail outlets.)

Agent: Gordon, Gordon & Co

SAVVYTV

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APPLICATION**

Notice

The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court In The High Court of Justice

SAINT LUCIA

Claim No. SLUHCV 2004/0024

BETWEEN:

1. FIRST CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL BANK (BARBADOS) LIMITED
formerly BARCLAYS BANK PLC

Claimant

and

1. COLLINUS HARRIS
2. MERLINDA CLIFFORD both of St. Jude's Highway, Vieux Fort

Defendants

BEFORE: THE HONOURABLE MASTER BRIAN COTTLE
(A Master In Chambers)

TO: (1) COLLINUS HARRIS (2) MERLINDA CLIFFORD whose last known address
was St. Jude's Highway, Vieux Fort

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that an action has been commenced against you in the High Court of Justice Saint Lucia No. SLUHCV 2004/0024 by FIRST CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL BANK (BARBADOS) LIMITED formerly BARCLAYS BANK PLC in which the Claimant claims liquidated sum.

AND IT HAS BEEN ORDERED that service of the Notice of the Claim Form in this action on you be effected by this advertisement in two (2) consecutive issues of the local Newspaper circulating in Saint Lucia and two consecutive issues of the *Official Gazette*.

IF YOU DESIRE to defend the said action, you must within twenty-eight (28) days of the last publication of this advertisement, enter an Acknowledgment of Service at the Registry of the High Court of Justice in the City of Castries.

IN DEFAULT of such acknowledgment, the Claimant will be entitled to apply to have judgment entered against you. If the Claimant does so, you will have no right to be heard by the Court except as to costs or the method of paying any judgment unless you apply to set judgment aside.

Dated this 12th day of February, 2004.

BY THE COURT

REGISTRAR.

This Notice was filed by McNamara & Co., Chambers of #20 Micoud Street, Castries for and on behalf of the Claimant in this matter.

[First Publication]

Notice

The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court In The High Court of Justice

SAINT LUCIA

Claim No. SLUHCV2003/0591

BETWEEN: FIRST CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL BANK (BARBADOS) LIMITED
formerly BARCLAYS BANK PLC

Claimant

And

JEFF EMMANUEL of New Dock Road, Vieux-Fort

Defendant

TO: JEFF EMMANUEL whose last known address was New Dock Road, Vieux Fort

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that an action has been commenced against you in the High Court of Justice Saint Lucia No. SLUHCV2003/0591 by **FIRST CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL BANK (BARBADOS) LIMITED formerly BARCLAYS BANK PLC** in which the Claimant claims liquidated damages.

AND SERVICE of the Notice of the Claim Form in this action on you be effected by this advertisement in two consecutive issues of the local Newspaper circulating in Saint Lucia and two consecutive issues of the *Official Gazette*.

IF YOU desire to Defend the said action you must within 28 days of the last publication of this advertisement enter an Acknowledgement of Service at the Registry of the High Court of Justice in the City of Castries.

IN DEFAULT of such acknowledgement the Claimant will be entitled to apply to have judgment entered against you. If the Claimant does so, you will have no right to be heard by the Court except as to costs or the method of paying any judgment unless you apply to set judgment aside.

Dated this 12th day of February, 2004.

McNamara & Co.

Per:
Solicitors for the Claimant.

This Notice was filed by McNamara & Co., Chambers of #20 Micoud Street, Castries for and on behalf of the Claimant in this matter.

[First Publication]

Notice

The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court In The High Court of Justice

SAINT LUCIA

Claim No. SLUHCV2003/0864

BETWEEN: FIRST CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL BANK (BARBADOS) LIMITED
formerly BARCLAYS BANK PLC

Claimant

And

AUGUSTIN JAMES of Bexon, Castries

Defendant

BEFORE: THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE OLA MAE EDWARDS
(A Judge In Chambers)

TO: AUGUSTIN JAMES whose last known address was Bexon in the Quarter of Castries

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that an action has been commenced against you in the High Court of Justice Saint Lucia No. SLUHCV2003/0864 by **FIRST CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL BANK (BARBADOS) LIMITED formerly BARCLAYS BANK PLC** in which the Claimant claims liquidated damages.

AND IT HAS BEEN ordered that service of the Notice of the Claim Form in this action on you be effected by this advertisement in two consecutive issues of the local Newspaper circulating in Saint Lucia and two consecutive issues of the *Official Gazette*.

IF YOU desire to Defend the said action you must within 28 days of the last publication of this advertisement enter an Acknowledgement of Service at the Registry of the High Court of Justice in the City of Castries.

IN DEFAULT of such acknowledgement the Claimant will be entitled to apply to have judgment entered against you. If the Claimant does so, you will have no right to be heard by the Court except as to costs or the method of paying any judgment unless you apply to set judgment aside.

Dated this 16th day of February, 2004.

BY THE COURT

Registrar.

This Notice was filed by McNamara & Co., Chambers of #20 Micoud Street, Castries for and on behalf of the Claimant in this matter.

[First Publication]

Notice

The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court In The High Court of Justice (Civil)

SAINT LUCIA

Claim No. SLUHCV2004/0004

BETWEEN:

1. GLENDA LEON of Aupicon, Vieux-Fort
2. LINDELL DALSOU of Aupicon, Vieux-Fort

Claimants

and

1. MC CLAUDE HENRY of Mon Repos

Defendant

BEFORE: THE HONOURABLE MADAM JUSTICE OLA MAE EDWARDS

DATED: 2nd February, 2004

TO: MC CLAUDE HENRY whose last known address is Mon Repos

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that the Claimants (1) GLENDA LEON (2) LINDELL DALSOU have filed a Claim Form against you in the High Court of Justice, Saint Lucia in Claim No. SLUHCV2004/0004 in which the Claimants' claim is for damages arising out of a motor vehicular accident which occurred on the 13th day of January, 2001 as a result of your negligence.

AND IT HAS BEEN ORDERED that the Claim Form indorsed with Statement of Claim in this action and other documents filed herein be effected on you by advertisements in two (2) consecutive issues of the *Official Gazette* and two (2) consecutive issues of a News Paper circulating in Saint Lucia.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that if you desire to defend this action, you must within forty two (42) days of the last publication of this advertisement, file and Acknowledgment of Service at the Registry of the High Court of Justice, Peynier Street, Castries.

IN DEFAULT of such Acknowledgment of Service, Judgment may be entered against you.

BY THE COURT

REGISTRAR

The Court Office is at Peynier Street, Castries, Tel No. 453 -1916, Fax No. 452-5843, regslu@candw.lc. The Office is open between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Monday to Thursday and 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Friday except public holidays.

Presented for filing by: GREENE, NELSON & ASSOCIATES, Legal Practitioners for the Claimant, whose address for service is: Chambers, # 11 High Street, Castries, St. Lucia. Tel No. 451-6640, Fax 456-0590.

[Second Publication]

Notice

The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court In The High Court of Justice

SAINT LUCIA

Claim No. SLUHCV 2003/0781

BETWEEN:

1. THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA

Claimant

and

1. JOHN JEREMIE of Cabishe, Babonneau, Castries
2. IAN FOWELL of The Morne, Castries

Defendants

BEFORE: THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE INDRA HARIPRASHAD-CHARLES

TO: JOHN JEREMIE whose last known address was Cabishe, Babonneau, Castries

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that an action has been commenced against you in the High Court of Justice (Saint Lucia) No. SLUHCV 2003/0781 by THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA in which the Claimant claims a specified sum.

AND IT HAS BEEN ORDERED that service of the Notice of the Claim Form in this action on you be effected by this advertisement in two (2) consecutive issues of the local Newspaper circulating in Saint Lucia and two consecutive issues of the *Official Gazette*.

IF YOU DESIRE to defend the said action, you must within forty two (42) days of the last publication of this advertisement, file an Acknowledgment of Service at the Registry of the High Court of Justice, Peynier Street, Castries.

IN DEFAULT of such acknowledgment, Judgment may be entered in your absence.

BY THE COURT

REGISTRAR.

[Second Publication]

Notice

The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court In The High Court of Justice

SAINT LUCIA

Claim No. SLUHCV 2003/0947

BETWEEN:

1. FIRST CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION
(LEEWARD & WINDWARD) LIMITED formerly
BARCLAYS FINANCE CORPORATION OF THE LEEWARD AND WINDWARD
ISLANDS LIMITED

Claimant/Applicant

and

1. NOEL CADASSE
2. JULIA CADASSE both of Rodney Bay in the Quarter of Gros Islet

Defendants/Respondents

BEFORE: THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE OLA MAE EDWARDS
(A Judge in Chambers)

TO: (1) NOEL CADASSE
(2) JULIA CADASSE whose last known address was Rodney Bay in the Quarter of Gros Islet

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that an action has been commenced against you in the High Court of Justice Saint Lucia No. SLUHCV 2003/0947 by FIRST CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION (LEEWARD & WINDWARD) LIMITED formerly BARCLAYS FINANCE CORPORATION OF THE LEEWARD AND WINDWARD ISLANDS LIMITED in which the Claimant claims liquidated damages.

AND IT HAS BEEN ORDERED that service of the Notice of the Claim Form in this action on you be effected by this advertisement in two (2) consecutive issues of the local Newspaper circulating in Saint Lucia and two consecutive issues of the *Official Gazette*.

IF YOU DESIRE to defend the said action, you must within twenty-eight (28) days of the last publication of this advertisement, file an Acknowledgment of Service at the Registry of the High Court of Justice, Peynier Street, Castries.

IN DEFAULT of such Acknowledgment the Claimant will be entitled to apply to have judgment entered against you. If the Claimant does so, you will have no right to be heard by the Court except as to costs or the method of paying any judgment unless you apply to set judgment aside.

Dated this 6th day of February, 2004.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT

REGISTRAR.

This Notice was filed by McNamara & Co., Chambers of #20 Micoud Street, Castries for and on behalf of the Claimant in this matter.

[Second Publication]

EASTERN CARIBBEAN CENTRAL BANK

UNAUDITED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER, 2003

(EXPRESSED IN EASTERN CARIBBEAN DOLLARS)

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

DEMAND LIABILITIES:		
Internal	\$ 1,489,485,530	
IMF Government Reserve Accounts	837,488	
Foreign	7,885,402	
Statutory Bodies Deposits	518,000	
Bankers Deposits	17,464,000	
Other	5,329,201	
		1,521,599,539
OTHER LIABILITIES		3,800,012
 NET WORTH:		
General Reserve	66,098,942	
Other Reserves	52,602,428	
		128,701,370
TOTAL		1,645,858,321
REPRESENTED BY:-		
ASSETS:		
FOREIGN RESERVE ASSETS:		
Foreign Securities	\$ 1,084,967,954	
Term Deposits and Money at Call	210,494,229	
Balances with Foreign Banks	11,253,758	
Interest Accrued on Securities and Deposits	12,085,775	
Regional and Foreign Currencies	28,931,388	
		1,447,652,798
DOMESTIC ASSETS:		
Participating Governments Securities	40,870,788	
Balances with Local Banks	219,394	
Due from Participating Governments	48,518,605	
Long Term Loan Receivables	298,126	
Fixed Assets	79,483,665	
Other Investments	5,500,820	
		165,099,989
OTHER ASSETS		23,106,134
TOTAL		1,645,858,321

Proportion of Foreign Reserve Assets held under Article 24(2) of the ECCB Agreement as a Percentage of Demand Liabilities is: **68.60%**

K. David Uner
GOVERNOR

Press Releases

US Government Pledges Support for St. Lucia's Education System

ST. LUCIA may be in for even greater educational benefits from the United States of America. The announcement came from the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States to St. Lucia, Her Excellency Mary Elizabeth Kramer while presenting her letters of credence to St. Lucia's Governor General, Her Excellency Dame Pearlette Louisy on Thursday.

Ambassador Kramer emphasized her determination to increase interaction at all levels between the United States and St. Lucia's Educational Systems. According to Mrs. Kramer, with her interest and experience in education, St. Lucia can be assured of her fullest support.

Ambassador Kramer pledged her country's continued support for the Fulbright Scholar Programme, which provided St. Lucians the opportunity to study at universities in the United States. According to Mrs. Kramer, graduates of this programme have been instrumental in the establishment of a Criminal Justice Programme at the Sir Arthur Lewis Community College, the first programme of its kind in the Caribbean.

St. Lucia's effort at improving Immigration and Custom procedures, as well as its fight against the scourge of drug trafficking and other criminal activities was also highly commended. Mrs. Kramer described the initiative as a model for other islands in the region.

Governor General Dame Pearlette Louisy says, it is indeed encouraging, that the United States Ambassador has accredited the island with the same category of interest and experience in education that exist in her country.

"This is particularly welcomed at this time, as we focus on human resource development", Dame Pearlette Louisy said. She also added that some of the US education assistance programme have been very successful, particularly the Fulbright Scholarship Programme and expressed optimism about the outcome of another recent US education initiative, The Centre of Excellence in Teacher Training Programme.

Dame Pearlette Louisy also made an appeal for the US to renew its effort at implementing the Third Border Initiative, while expressing her gratitude for the assistance already given for HIV/AIDS Education. Diplomatic relations between St. Lucia and the United States was established, twenty five years ago.



BVI to be Represented at St. Lucia's Independence Celebrations

CHIEF Minister Dr. the Hon. D. Orlando Smith has extended best wishes to St. Lucia on the occasion of that country's 25th independence anniversary.

In addition, Representative for the Fifth District, the Hon. Delores Christopher will represent the BVI in St. Lucia during a series of celebrations from February 21 to 22, which have been planned to mark the occasion.

St. Lucia became an independent country 25 years ago on February 22. The BVI Government is sending an official representative following an invitation by Prime Minister of St. Lucia Dr. Kenny Anthony.

In response to a letter from Prime Minister Dr. Anthony dated January 23, the Chief Minister said, "Thank you for your invitation to join in the celebration of your country's 25th independence anniversary. Please accept my Government's best wishes for your celebrations."

Marius Wilson Praises Government's Care for the Poor

FORMER Opposition Leader, Marius Wilson, member for Micoud North on Tuesday, February 17 praised the Government's initiatives designed to assist poor and marginalised St. Lucians.

Mr. Wilson's praise for the Government followed similar accolades showered on The Government by the present Leader of the Opposition, Arsene James for the EURO 10 million borrowed to rehabilitate some 55 roads throughout the island.

Determined to relieve the pain and suffering of persons living in deprived conditions, the Government established a number of institutions to deal with those problems. These institutions include the Poverty Reduction Fund (PRF), the Basic Need Trust Fund (BNTF) the Short Term Employment Programme (STEP) and the Games Belgrave Micro Enterprise Development Fund (BELfund).

These entities offer a wide range of services to the less privileged in society, including the construction of footpaths where there is little or no access to deprived communities; drains where run-off water present a problem; and retaining walls where land slippage is occurring. The Belfund even makes small loans available to less fortunate persons wishing to establish their own businesses. All of these projects have a heavy emphasis on using community skills and in that way, persons from the communities gain employment in the process of implementing the various projects.

In praising the Government, Mr. Wilson said, "Often, I have said to my Parliamentary Colleagues on the other side, that I believe the Government is doing very great work and I applaud the Government when it does well", stressing, "They are doing some very great work under the able guidance of the Minister of Social Transformation; they are touching the lives of the poor and marginalised constituencies in a manner never done in this country ... never done in this country".

Chastising the media for the lack of publicity on the benefits of the Government-led programmes he said, "What is not happening is that the nation is not being told what is being done in the form and manner required". Suggesting that the Poverty Reduction Fund was doing more than reducing poverty, he called for its name to be changed to "The Empowerment and Development Agency".

Mr. Wilson beckoned further: "Let us empower our people and let us start talking to them so that they can understand that when the projects are done, the footpaths are done, the roads are done, the electricity and everything are put in place to help them, that they can understand and appreciate that this is an initiative by a Government that cares and the people can be greater sensitised".

Recalling the benefits which his constituency has derived from the Government-initiated programmes he said, "Do you know what kind of burden S.T.E.P. has eased on me as a parliamentary representative? I have always said that". He even asked to be given, allocation made for a few houses, which have not been taken up. "I have completed four in my constituency", he said, asking the Prime Minister, "Those who don't want it give it to me. Let me ease the frustrations of the poor and deserving people in my constituency".

WIBDECO to Invite Leaders of Opposition to Mission in UK and Brussels

IN consideration of the national importance of issues surrounding the Banana industry, and the need to address them in a non-partisan manner, Prime Ministers, Dr. Kenny D. Anthony of St. Lucia, Dr. Ralph Gonzalves of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Roosevelt Skerrit of Dominica have suggested to the Windward Islands Banana Exporting Company (WIBDECO), that it extends an invitation to the Leaders of Opposition in the Windward Islands to visit the United Kingdom and Brussels at the earliest possible date to promote the interests of banana farmers in the Windward Islands.

The suggestion came on the heels of a similar mission undertaken by the three Prime Ministers. They met with the main supermarkets which purchase Windward Island bananas, including Sainsbury, Tesco, Waitrose and Marks and Spencers, and had discussions with the European Commissioners, regarding the likely change to the banana regime in January 2006, when the European Union (EU) Commission moves to a single tariff (tariff-only) arrangement.

The banana regime is set to experience further changes on May 1 of this year, when 10 new members join the EU. Under the World Trade Organisation (WTO) rules, the EU is bound to increase the tariff rate quota (TRQ) and there are concerns that such an increase may exacerbate the oversupply conditions of the market and further depress prices.

Since the price war, which was instigated by Asda-Wal Mart in August 2002, the retail price of bananas in the United Kingdom (UK) has fallen by 31 per cent. There are fears in the banana trade that the latest price drop, which was less than a month ago, may not be the last.

It was the concerns over such developments in the market and the imminent changes to the EU banana import regime that led WIBDECO, on the advice of the prime minister to initiate the high level mission.

It is hoped that from this experience, Opposition Leaders will see the problems of the industry in a national context, and that rather than politicising the issues, they will work alongside Government in promoting the interests of banana farmers in the region.

House of Assembly Approves Euro 10 Million Loan for Tertiary Roads Project

SEVERAL communities around the island especially those with significant eco-tourism potential are to benefit from the latest injection of funds into the Tertiary Roads Rehabilitation Project. On Tuesday, February 17th, 2004, the St. Lucia House of Assembly approved the borrowing of Ten Million EURO from the Agence Francaise de Development to rehabilitate 22 kilometres of roads.



The tertiary roads project was conceived as part of government's commitment to provide appropriate road infrastructure to support economic activity in all sectors, with particular bias on tourism and agriculture. In seeking parliamentary approval, Prime Minister and Minister for Finance Honourable Dr. Kenny Anthony said the road works, which will offer many communities a new lease on life, will be carried out in three phases and was obtained under remarkable terms.

The loan is to be paid in twenty six (26) equal, half-yearly instalments. The first is due and payable on April 30th, 2010, which is some six years away. The last instalment is due and payable on October 31st 2020. Interest on the ten year loan is at the rate of 3.5 per cent a year, which is an extraordinary and generous rate of interest, the Prime Minister observed.

Several MP's spoke on the resolution, as it holds tremendous economic prospects for their constituents, in terms of employment, improved road conditions and ultimately, assistance to farmers in banana production areas in obtaining a better quality fruit.

Minister for Communication and Works Honourable Felix Finisterre says some 55 major roads all around the country will receive attention under the programme. Evaluation of tenders is currently underway and contracts to commence works are expected to be approved in the coming weeks.

The St. Lucia House of Assembly also passed two bills piloted by the Minister for Commerce, Tourism, Investment and Consumer Affairs Hon. Phillip J. Pierre. The bills, the Free Zone Amendment and the Liquor License, were taken through all of their stages. The Caribbean Community and the Waste Management Bills came up for first reading, but the second reading was deferred for a subsequent sitting of the House of Assembly.