

Government Notice

Assented Acts.....

The following document are published with and forms part of this Gazette:

Assented Acts

No. 3 of 2009 – Finance (Administration) (Amendment) Act.

No. 4 of 2009 – Poverty Reduction Fund (Amendment) Act.



*Ministry of the Public Service and
Human Resource Development*

Post of Director of Training

A PPLICATIONS are invited from suitably qualified persons for appointment to the post of Director of Training, in the Ministry of the Public Service and Human Resource Development.

Qualifications:

Applicants should possess:

Bachelors Degree in Public Administration, Development Administration, Human Resource Management or related field of study, plus Post-graduate Diploma in a related field of study, plus two (2) years Public Service experience at Grade 14 and above OR

Masters Degree in Public Administration, Development Administration, Human Resource Management or

related field of study, plus one (1) year's experience in a post at Grade 14 and above, OR

Bachelors Degree in Public Administration, Development Administration, Human Resource Management or related field of study, plus three (3) years experience in a post at Grade 14 and above, OR Advance Certificate in Public Administration, Development Administration, Human Resource Management or related field of study, plus five (5) years experience at a post at Grade 12 and above.

Duties and Responsibilities:

The successful applicant will be required to work under the direction of, and report to the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of the Public Service and Human Resource Management. He/she will also be required to respond whenever necessary to the Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of the Public Service on matters related to work in progress.

The applicant will be required to:

Plan and direct the activities of the Training Division and is responsible for all matters connected with these functions;

Co-ordinate the processing of training applications and the preparation of training matters requiring the consideration of the Public Service Training Committee and Cabinet;

Take follow-up action and ensure timely implementation of the decisions of the Training Committee and Cabinet regarding short-term, local, or in-service training;

Co-ordinate the Ministry's training Needs Assessment exercises and prepare a list of training priorities, which is reflective of the needs of the public service sector;

Design training programmes and prepare a calendar of training events consistent with prioritized in-service training needs;

Act as liaison with identified external funding agencies and ensure the timely provision of data and submission of government endorsed nominations to these agencies;

Ensure where necessary the submission of training proposals to agencies for funding and implement these programmes as required;

Evaluate training offers received and advise the Permanent Secretary on the suitability or otherwise of these offers;

Keep the Training Committee informed of the training awards granted by funding agencies and of efforts to

place government endorsed nominees in overseas institutions;

Represent the Ministry of the Public Service, and attend meetings associated with the training function as required;

Compile quarterly and annual reports on the activities of the Training Division for submission to the Permanent Secretary;

Perform such other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the Deputy Permanent Secretary and the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of the Public Service and Human Resource Development.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

The successful applicant should have:

A working knowledge and understanding of, and the ability to interpret Civil Service rules and regulations, and standard operating procedures;

Sound knowledge of training and personnel development principles and practices, and the ability to apply them;

Potential for leadership and scholarship;

Ability to issue clear directives;

Special skills in training design and methodology, consultancy, planning and managing the training function;

Ability to analyze, make sound judgements and quick decisions.

Conditions:

Accommodation is provided in a general administrative office;

Institutional support is provided through appropriate Civil Service rules and regulations, Statutory Instruments and Ministry guidelines;

Opportunities exist for personal development and career advancement through orientation, general and in-service training;

Salary is in accordance with the terms stipulated by Government in the Estimates/Collective Agreement.

Salary:

Salary is at the rate of \$65,170.94 (Grade 18, step 1) per annum plus 7% salary increase.

Applications on the prescribed form along with certified copies of pertinent documents in addition to

two recent testimonials should be submitted to:

The Secretary
Public Service Commission
Sir Stanislaus James Building
The Waterfront
Castries, St. Lucia

To reach her no later than February 24, 2009

Unsuitable applicants will not be considered.

Ministry of Finance

Post Of Legal Officer II

A PPLICANTS are invited from suitably qualified persons for appointment to the post of Legal Officer II, in the Ministry of Finance, General Administration Department.

Qualifications:

A Bachelors Degree in Law plus a Certificate of Legal Education, and at least Three (3) years experience in a corporate legal environment or in legal practice.

Duties And Responsibilities:

The successful applicant will be required to work under the direction of and report to the Permanent Secretary.

The applicant will be required to:

Provide legal advice to the Permanent Secretary and Heads of Departments in the Ministry of Finance;

Draft, review and advise on legal documents and correspondence pertaining to the operations of the Ministry;

Review legislation, policies, procedures, and recommend revisions where necessary or advisable;

Review and interpret legislation and advise when necessary on requirements for compliance;

Conduct legal research and provide detailed analysis on various issues relating to the operations of the Ministry;

Assist in responding to complex inquiries and correspondence;

Provide support to the Ministry, in general, in responding to and preparing for legal matters;

Liaise with the Attorney General's Chambers, as appropriate, on legal matters pertaining to the Ministry;

Perform other duties consistent with the role of an in-house Legal Counsel, as may be assigned from time to time

Knowledge, Skills And Abilities:

The successful applicant should have:

A sound knowledge of the Laws of Saint Lucia;

A working knowledge of and ability to interpret Legislation, Civil Service Rules and Regulations, Collective Agreements etc.;

Strong analytical skills and ability to conduct comprehensive legal research on a broad range of issues;

Ability to plan and organize work and prepare clear concise reports;

Ability to analyze issues, collect data, establish facts and draw valid conclusions, and sound recommendations;

Ability to effectively present information to management;

Ability to communicate effectively, orally and in writing;

A working knowledge of computer applications and word processing software.

Conditions:

Functions in a scheduled traveling post and will receive basic traveling and mileage allowance in accordance with approved rates;

Required to maintain a motor vehicle for the effective performance of duties;

Institutional support is provided through appropriate Civil Service regulations and Departmental guidelines;

Accommodation provided in a general administrative office.

This post is non-pensionable.

Salary:

Salary is at the rate of \$58,503.10 (Grade 16) per annum plus 7% salary increase.

Applications on the prescribed form along with certified copies of pertinent documents in addition to two recent testimonials should be submitted to:

The Secretary
Public Service Commission
Sir Stanislaus James Building
The Waterfront
Castries
St. Lucia

To reach her no later than February 24, 2009

Unsuitable applicants will not be considered.



United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

Post title: Assistant Programme Specialist (Culture)

Organizational unit: UNESCO Office in Havana and Regional Office for Culture

Duty Station: Havana, Cuba

Grade: P-1/P-2

Post No.: LA/RP/CUB/CLT/0008

Closing date: 5 March, 2009

Post title: Assistant Legal Officer

Organizational unit: Division of Administrative Legal Affairs, Office of International Standards and Legal Affairs (LA/ADL)

Duty Station: Paris, France

Grade: P 1/2

Post No.: LA-005

Closing date: 5 March, 2009

For further information on the above vacancy please contact UNESCO at:

Chief
HRM/RCR
UNESCO,
7 Place de Fontenoy
75352 Paris 07 SP
France

Website: www.unesco.org/employment



**International
Telecommunication Union (ITU)**

Vacancy No. P7 - 2009

Post Nos.: TD24R/P4/778

Grade : P.4

Duty Station : Brasilia, Brazil

Date of Entry: As soon as possible

Type of Appointment: Fixed-Term for two years

Functions: Advisor for Human Resources Management
and Development

Deadline for Application: 6 April, 2009

For further information on the above vacancy notice
please contact ITU at:

Place des Nations
CH-1211 Geneva 20
SWITZERLAND

Tel: +41 22 730 51 11
Fax: +41 22 733 72 56
+ 41 22 730 65 00

Website: www.itu.int/employment
Email: recruitment@itu.int.

Notices

TAKE Notice that the Minister responsible for Trade, Industry, Commerce, Consumer Affairs and Investment has pursuant to section 4(1) of the Trade Licences Act, Cap 13.04, appointed Mr. Ray Narcisse to replace Mr. Gregor Braithwaite on the Trade Licences Advisory Board.

Notice of Company in Dissolution

*(International Business Companies
Act, Cap 12.14: Section 94(6))*

EAGLE HOLDINGS LIMITED
No. 2004 - 00182

TAKE NOTICE that the International Business Company Eagle Holdings Limited No. 2004-00182 which was incorporated on 3rd June, 2004 and which

company commenced dissolution on 19th December, 2008 has been dissolved and has been struck off by the Registrar of International Business Companies.

Take Notice that the dissolution of the above named Company became effective on the 2nd day of February, 2009.

Dated this 3rd day of February, 2009.

RICHARD N.C. PETERKIN
Liquidator



Change of Name of International Business Company

(International Business Companies Act, Cap. 12.14 Section 9)

TAKE notice that the International Business Company incorporated on 15th June, 2005 as:

BIRTH REINSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED
No. 2005-00235

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

**NOX REINSURANCE COMPANY
LIMITED**

Dated this 16th day of January, 2009.

Lester D. Martyr
Registrar
International Business Companies

Special Development Areas Act, Cap. 15.29

OPP LTD.

IN exercise of the power conferred by section 4 of the Special Development Areas Act, Cap. 15.29, the Minister responsible for Finance designates OPP Limited as an approved developer for a period of twelve months commencing from November 20, 2008 subject to the condition that —

- (a) a waiver on import duty and consumption tax on inputs for the construction of new buildings and the renovation or refurbishment of existing buildings;
- (b) the total CIF value to which the waiver may be applied is EC\$4,010,367.82;
- (c) all items are subject to verification by the Comptroller of Customs and Excise on compliance with Customs procedures and requirements.

STEPHENSON KING,
Minister responsible for Finance.

- (c) to require adequate information to be given to the consumer or user
- (d) to ensure quality in goods produced for export
- (e) to generally ensure the quality of goods and services

Dated this 13 day of January, 2009.

RUFUS BOUSQUET
Minister of Trade, Industry, Commerce,
Consumer Affairs and Investment

Copies of this standard are available at the Saint Lucia Bureau of Standards, Bisee Industrial Estate, Castries, St. Lucia.

Saint Lucia

The Standards Act (No. 14 of 1990)

**INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER DECLARING
A COMPULSORY STANDARD**

NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with Section 19(4) of the Standards Act No. 14 of 1990 that the Minister of Trade, Industry, Commerce, Consumer Affairs and Investment intends to make an order declaring the following Standards compulsory with effect March 31, 2009.

Reference No.	Title
SLNS CEI IEC 335-2-14: 1994-06	Safety of household and similar electrical appliances - Part 2: Particular requirements for kitchen machines
SLNS EN 61558-1: 1998	[with amendments] Safety of power transformers, power supply units and similar devices - Part 1 - General requirements
SLNS BS EN 61558-2-13: 2000/IEC 61558-2-13:	1999 Safety of power transformers, power supply units and similar devices - Particular requirements for auto-transformers for general use

Purpose:

- (a) to protect the consumer or user against danger to health or safety
- (b) to prevent fraud or deception arising from misleading advertising or labelling

**Customs Exchange Rates
Effective Monday,
9th February, 2009**

\$ \$ \$ \$

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	\$3.8893
U.S.A	\$2.7169
Canadian Dollar	\$2.1796
D.Krs. (Danish Kroners)	\$0.4648
NZ (New Zealand Dollar)	\$1.7085
Australian Dollar	\$1.7329
Jamaican Dollar	\$0.0313
Japanese Yen	\$0.0301
Guyanese Dollar	\$0.0135
Swedish Kroners	\$0.3251
Venezuelan Bolivars	\$0.0013
Barbados Dollar	\$1.3542
Euro	\$3.4639
Swiss Franc	\$2.3212
Trinidad & Tobago	\$0.4545

TERENCE LEONARD,
Comptroller of Customs & Excise.



PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Tender for Supplies & Related Services

Programme: Economic & Agricultural Diversification & Poverty Reduction through Integrated Natural Resources Management - Special Framework of Assistance (SFA 2003) (EC Contribution - Budget Line B-21.03.18)

The Government of St Lucia has received funds from the European Commission to be applied to a programme of Integrated Natural Resource Management (INRM) under the Special Framework of Assistance (SFA) 2003 operational year. The Banana Industry Trust (BIT) has been awarded a Grant Contract to manage an Environmental Management Fund (EMF), which is a component of the programme that is established to finance INRM initiatives. The BIT intends to apply part of the fund thereof to eligible payments under the contract for which this invitation is issued.

The overall objective of the programme is to sustain economic growth, human development and environmental sustainability, by promoting and facilitating the management and use of the island's natural resources in an efficient, sustainable and equitable manner. The aim of the programme is to provide continued support to banana commercialization, agriculture, and economic diversification efforts through integrated natural resource management.

The Banana Industry Trust invites applications from suitably qualified firms and individuals to undertake the following assignment: Choiseul Economic Revitalization Project - Phase II

Project objectives

1. To install a 150,000 gallon Glass-Fused-to-Steel Water Storage Tank, with 7720 feet of SDR-21 PVC 6 inch water transmission pipeline connection and related equipment/fittings.
2. To supply 13,000 feet of SDR-21 PVC 4 inch pipes.

Eligibility

Participation is open on equal terms to all natural and legal persons of the EU Member States and the ACP States who are signatories to the Cotonou agreement. Interested firms and individuals can obtain additional information and copies of the Tender Dossiers at the following address:

Office of the Grant Beneficiary
Banana Industry Trust
Office #11 American Drywall Building
Vide Boutielle, Castries, Saint Lucia

Tel: 1 758 456 0988; 452 1475
Fax: 1 758 453 6656
Email: bananatrust@candw.lc
Website: www.bananatrustslu.com

The deadline for receipt of applications at the above address is no later than 27 March 2009 at 12:00 noon local time.

Invitation For Bids

THE Government of St. Lucia intends to rehabilitate the infrastructure at the Cresslands Phase 1 Residential Development, located in Cresslands, Soufriere. To this end the Government of St. Lucia invites sealed bids from suitably qualified contractors for the execution of the specified works; the works shall include:

- » Construction of roadside and interlot concrete drains
- » Reduction of road verges
- » Desilting of drains
- » Surface dressing of existing pavements
- » Site Clearance and grubbing
- » Disposal of soil
- » Patching of potholes

Bidding document may be collected at the office of the St. Lucia National Housing corporation (NHC) located in the CARILEC Building, Desir Avenue, Sans Souci, Castries, St. Lucia, telephone 452-3801; bidders may obtain further information at the same address.

Bids shall be valid for a period of ninety (90) days after bid opening and shall be delivered to the address below on or before Friday 20th February, 2009 at 12:p.m.

SECRETARY CENTRAL TENDERS BOARD
Ministry of Finance
3rd Floor Financial Centre
Bridge Street, Castries

Notice Of Voluntary Liquidation

DOVE HOUSES LTD.
Company No. C352 of 2007

TAKE NOTICE that the Sole Shareholder of DOVE HOUSES LTD. at a special meeting duly called for the purpose and held on the 9th day of February, 2009, passed a Special Resolution requiring the said company to be liquidated and dissolved voluntarily under the provisions of the Companies Act Cap. 1 3.01 of the Revised Laws, 2001.

Dated this 10th day of February, 2009.

Presented for filing by; DU BOULA Y, ANTHONY & CO. of Chambers #6 Brazil Street, Castries, Tel: (758) 452-5111, Fax (758) 452-5114, Email: dac2@slulaw.com.

Eastern Caribbean Telecommunications Authority (ECTEL)

ECTEL Annual Review of Telecommunications Sector

INVESTMENT in the telecommunications sector in the Member States of the Eastern Caribbean Telecommunications Authority (ECTEL) increased by 20% in the past year while mobile penetration rate, number of subscribers per 100 inhabitants, is over 100 percent in the sub-region. These are among the many indicators of growth which have been released in the Annual Review of the Telecommunications Sector in the ECTEL Member States. The report presents an overview of the sector's performance for the period ended March 2008.

For the period under review there was increased activity in the telecommunication sector in the ECTEL Member States, reflected in growth in both the subscriber base and call volumes. Investment in the sector was estimated to have increased some 20 percent to \$177 million, largely due to network expansion to increase coverage and upgrades of mobile services. However, total sector revenues was estimated to have fallen by 6 percent to EC\$747 million.

At the end of 2007, the sector was estimated to have contributed 10.8 percent to GDP in the Member States, up from 10.6 percent in the previous period. The level of direct employment reported by individual licensees increased by 13.7 percent to 1548, largely on account of expansion in the mobile and the Internet services markets.

Total fixed lines in service in the ECTEL Member States increased 2 percent to roughly 130,000 while the number of mobile subscribers was estimated at 540,000 resulting in an average penetration rate of 115 percent. Dominica, St Kitts and Nevis and St Vincent and the Grenadines all recorded mobile penetration rates in excess of 100 per cent.

The number of fixed line Internet subscribers grew 26.5 percent to over 51,000 with broadband subscribers representing 92 percent of all subscribers. Overall Internet penetration was recorded at 11.6 percent with broadband penetration at 9.5 percent.

With the global economic downturn and restructuring in the sector, 2009 may prove quite challenging to the sector; already Cable & Wireless and Digicel have both announced a number of layoffs.

The Annual Telecommunications Sector Review is available online at www.ectel.int.

Annex: Telecommunication Indicators in the ECTEL Member States, March 2008

Indicator	Dominica	Grenada	St Kitts and Nevis	Saint Lucia	St Vincent and the Grenadines	ECTEL
Fixed voice and Internet services						
Value (EC\$)	22.3	71.9	69.7	78.8	67.1	309.8
Volume (million minutes)	44.3	321.6	86.4	190.6	94.5	737.6
Fixed voice Penetration (%)	24.8	26.9	40.4	23.9	23.4	27.9
Internet Penetration (%)	9.8	8.2	22.0	9.0	9.3	11.6
Mobile voice services						
Value (EC\$)	52.3	89.3	54.7	160.3	80.6	437.3
Volume (million minutes)	96.7	126.4	101.0	238.0	129.3	691.4
Penetration Rate (%)	125.5	89.8	146.4	99.1	112.5	114.6

Source: ECTEL/ operators

Includes estimates where ECTEL did not receive data from operators

Traffic volumes includes only outgoing local and international voice

Trademark Applications

REGISTRY OF COMPANIES & INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

SAINT LUCIA

NOTICE is hereby given that the following trademark 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 \$200.00.

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



File No (210): TM/2008/ 000214

Mark name: GOLD MARLBORO SYNC

Applicant (730): Philip Morris Products S.A

Filing date (220): 08/08/2008

Class (511): 34 (Tobacco, raw or manufactured; tobacco products, including cigars, cigarettes, cigarillos, tobacco for roll your own cigarettes, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff tobacco, kretek; tobacco substitutes (not for medical purposes); smokers' articles including cigarette paper and tubes, cigarette filters, tobacco tins, cigarette cases and ashtrays, pipes, pocket apparatus for rolling cigarettes, lighters; matches.)

Agent: Nicholas John & Co



File No (210): TM/2009/ 000004

Mark name: LOTUS

Applicant (730): REESAL INDUSTRIES LIMITED

Filing date (220): 07/01/2009

Class (511): 11 (Cistern fittings, toilet seats, bathroom enclosures and taps and faucets.)

Agent: Gordon, Gordon & Co

Colours claimed: Black and Yellow.

**CLOSER TO
NATURE**

File No (210): TM/2008/ 000337

Mark name: CLOSER TO NATURE

Applicant (730): Arla Foods amba

Filing date (220): 14/11/2008

Class (511): 1 (Chemicals used in industry as well as in agriculture, horticulture and forestry; chemical substances for preserving foodstuffs, tanning substances; adhesives used in industry, cultures of micro organisms other than for medical and veterinary use; emulsifiers, proteins for industrial purposes, casein and caseinates for industrial purposes.)

5 (Dietetic substances adapted for medical use, food for babies; cultures of micro-organisms for medical and veterinary purposes; substitutes for

mother's milk; dietary supplements in form of vitamins and minerals, dietetic substances and beverages for medical purposes; lactose.)

- 29 (Meat, fish, poultry and game; meat extracts; preserved, dried and cooked fruits and vegetables; jellies, jams, fruit sauces; eggs, milk and milk products; edible oils and fats; proteins for human consumption, casein and caseinates for human consumption; rennet, cheese powder, substitutes for milk and cream, milk and cream in powder form, milk based dessert mousses.)
- 30 (Coffee, tea, cocoa, sugar, rice, tapioca, sago, artificial coffee; flour and preparations made from cereals; bread, pastry and confectionery, ices; honey, treacle; yeast, baking-powder; salt for cooking and for preserving foodstuffs, mustard; vinegar, sauces (condiments), spices; ice, salad dressings; meat pies and meat pates (not included in other classes), pizzas, puddings, souffles, mousses, rice pudding and edible ices, powders and preparations for making cappuccino, cocoa, chocolate, coffee and tea beverages; beverages based on chocolate, cocoa and coffee.)
- 31 (Agricultural, horticultural and forestry products and grains not included in other classes; fresh fruits and vegetables; seeds, natural plants and flowers; foodstuffs for animals, malt for brewing and distilling.)
- 32 (Mineral and aerated waters and other non-alcoholic drinks; fruit drinks and fruit juices; syrups and other preparations for making beverages.)

Agent: Tyrone Chong

ERRATUM

Please be advised that Trade Mark 338 of 2008 which was published in the Gazette dated December 22, 2008, Issue 51 page 1256 was published with the incorrect class number. The following is the correct class number with respect to Trade Mark 338 of 2008.

Class (511): 36

Please be advised that Trade Mark 123 of 2008 which was published in the Gazette dated January 2, 2009, Issue 178 page 145 was published with the incorrect Agent. The following is the correct Agent with respect to Trade Mark 123 of 2008.

Gordon, Gordon & Co.

*Deputy Registrar
Registry of Companies & Intellectual Property*

IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

SAINT LUCIA

CLAIM NO. SLUHCV2008/1141

BETWEEN:

FIRST CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL BANK (BARBADOS) LIMITED

Claimant

and

- (1) MARGARET ANN CHARLES
- (2) LAWRENCE ANTOINE
- (3) FRANCILLIA ANTOINE

Defendants

TO: (1) MARGARET ANN CHARLES whose last known address was Bishop's Gap, Castries

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that an action has been commenced against you in the High Court of Justice Saint Lucia No. SLUHCV 2008/1141 by FIRSTCARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL BANK (BARBADOS) LIMITED in which the Claimant daims liquidated damages.

AND service of the Notice of the Claim Form in this action on you is being effected by this advertisement in two consecutive issues of the local Newspaper circulating in St. Lucia and two consecutive issues of the Official Gazette.

The Claim and Statement of Claim can be viewed at the High Court Office at Peynier Street, Castries, Saint Lucia or at the Chambers of McNamara & Co., 20 Micoud Street. Castries, Saint Lucia.

You must within 28 days of the last publication of this advertisement enter an acknowledgement of service, and if you desire to defend the said action you must within 42 days of the last publication of this advertisement enter a Defence, at the Registry of the High Court of Justice in the City of Castries, and serve the Defence on the Claimant.

In default of such acknowledgement and/or Defence 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 27th day of January, 2009.

McNAMARA & CO.,
*Legal Practitioners for the Claimant**C. A. Bota McNamara*

This Court Office is at Peynier Street, Castries, Saint Lucia, Telephone No. (758) 453.1916. Fax No.(758) 453.1917 The Office is open between 9:00am and 2:00pm Monday to Friday except public holidays, This Notice is being filed by : McNamara & Co Chambeis, 20 Micoud Street Castries, Saint Lucia, Telephone: (758) 452.2662, Fax: (758) 452-3885, email: mcnamara.co@candw.lc

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IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

SAINT LUCIA

CLAIM NO. SLUHCV2008/1235

BETWEEN:

FIRST CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL BANK (BARBADOS) LIMITED

Claimant

and

(1) EUGENE DICKSON

Defendant

TO: (1) EUGENE DICKSON

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that an action has been commenced against you in the High Court of Justice Saint Lucia No. SLUHCV2008/1235 by FIRSTCARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL BANK (BARBADOS) LIMITED in which the Claimant claims liquidated damages.

AND service of the Notice of the Claim Form in this action on you is being effected by this advertisement in two consecutive issues of the local Newspaper circulating in St. Lucia and two consecutive issues of the Official Gazette.

The Claim and Statement of Claim can be viewed at the High Court Office at Peynier Street, Castries, Saint Lucia or at the Chambers of McNamara & Co., 20 Micoud Street. Castries, Saint Lucia.

You must within 28 days of the last publication of this advertisement enter an acknowledgement of service, and if you desire to defend the said action you must within 42 days of the last publication of this advertisement enter a Defence, at the Registry of the High Court of Justice in the City of Castries, and serve the Defence on the Claimant.

In default of such acknowledgement and/or Defence 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 2nd day of February, 2009.

McNAMARA & CO.,
Legal Practitioners for the Claimant

C. A. Bota McNamara

This Court Office is at Peynier Street, Castries, Saint Lucia, Telephone No. (758) 453.1916. Fax No.(758) 453.1917 The Office is open between 9:00am and 2:00pm Monday to Friday except public holidays, This Notice is being filed by : McNamara & Co Chambeis, 20 Micoud Street Castries, Saint Lucia, Telephone: (758) 452.2662, Fax: (758) 452-3885, email: mcnamara.co@candw.lc

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IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

SAINT LUCIA

CLAIM NO. SLUHCV2008/0841

BETWEEN:

BANK OF SAINT LUCIA LIMITED
No.1 Bridge Street, Castries, Saint Lucia

Claimants

and

(1) TACQUINN SOOCHAN
(2) ROSELYN SOOCHAN
Both of Corinth, Quarter of Gros Islet, Saint Lucia

Defendants

TO: (1) TACQUINN SOOCHAN whose last known registered address was Corinth,
Quarter of Gros Islet, Saint Lucia

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that an action has been commenced against you in the High Court of Justice (Saint Lucia) No. SLUHCV2008/0841 by THE BANK OF SAINT LUCIA LIMITED in which the Claimants claim a specified sum.

AND service of the Notice of the Claim Form and notice of all proceedings in this action be effected by this advertisement in two (2) consecutive issues of the Local Newspaper circulating in Saint Lucia and in two (2) consecutive issues of the Official Gazette.

AND the Claim Form and Statement of Claim can be viewed at the High Court Office at Peynier Street, Castries, Saint Lucia or at the Chambers of Francis & Antoine, 1st Floor Financial Centre, Bridge Street, Castries, Saint Lucia.

IF YOU DESIRE to defend the said action or to be heard you must within Twenty-eight (28) days of the last publication of this advertisement file an Acknowledgement of Service at the Registry of the High Court of Justice, Peynier Street, Castries, Saint Lucia.

IN DEFAULT of filing such Acknowledgement of Service within the time stipulated, the Court may hear the case in your absence without further notice and Judgment may be granted in favour of the Claimants.

Dated 30th day of January, 2009.

FRANCIS & FRANCIS,
Per:
THADDEUS M. ANTOINE
Of Counsel for the Claimants

This Notice is being filed on behalf of the Claimant's whose address for service is: FRANCIS & ANTOINE, Chambers, 1st Floor, Financial Centre, NO.1 Bridge Street, Castries, Saint Lucia; Telephone 453-2000; Fax: 456-6726; E-mail: tmantoine@fachambers.com. The Court Office is at Peynier Street, Castries, Saint Lucia; Telephone (758) 453-1916; Fax: (758) 453-2071. The Office is open between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00p.m. Mondays to Thursdays and 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. on Fridays except public holidays. The Office can also be contacted via E-mail at stlhco@candw.lc

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IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

SAINT LUCIA

CLAIM NO. SLUHCV2006/0636

BETWEEN:

FIRST CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL BANK (BARBADOS) LIMITED

Claimant

and

(1) ST. CLAIR ALEXANDER

(2) REBECCA ALEXANDER

Defendants

TO:

(1) ST. CLAIR ALEXANDER whose last known address was 165 Lodge Terrance, St. Michael, Barbados and Vieux Fort, St. Lucia

(2) REBECCA ALEXANDER whose last known address was 165 Lodge Terrance, St. Michael, Barbados and Vieux Fort, St. Lucia

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that the Claimant FIRSTCARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL BANK (BARBADOS) LIMITED has filed an application on 05 August 2008 to fix an upset price for Parcel 1018B 368 belonging to you.

The hearing of the Application, which came on at the High Court of justice on 10 December 2008 has been adjourned to Wednesday the 25th day of February 2009.

AND by Order of the High Court of justice dated 21 January 2009 it was ordered that service of the Notice of Application, Affidavit in Support, Certificates of Exhibits and Draft Order in this action and other documents filed herein be effected on you by advertisements in two (2) consecutive issues of a local Newspaper circulating in Saint Lucia and two (2) consecutive issues of the official Gazette of Saint Lucia.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that if you desire to respond to the application, you must within seven (7) days of the last publication of this advertisement, file an Affidavit in Reply to the Application at the High Court Office or attend the hearing on 25 February 2009. The Application can be viewed at the Court Office.

IF you fail to attend the hearing the judge may deal with the application and make an Order in your absence.

Dated 26th day of January, 2009.

PETER I. FOSTER & ASSOCIATES,

Per:

DIANA M. THOMAS

Legal Practitioners for the Claimant

Presented for filing by: Peter I. Foster & Associates, Legal Practitioners for the Claimant, whose address for service is: Chambers, Suite No.1, 1st Floor, 25 Brazil Street, Castries, St. Lucia. West Indies. Tel. No.: 758 453-1100, Fax No.: 758 452-4940, E-mail: contact@piflaw.com. The Court Office is at Peynier Street, Castries, Tel. No. 758 453-1916, Fax No. 758453-2071 The Office is open between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Monday to Thursday and between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Friday except public holidays. Email stlhc@cantw.lc

IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

SAINT LUCIA

CLAIM NO. SLUHCV2008/0905

BETWEEN:

FIRST CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL BANK (BARBADOS) LIMITED
formerly CIBC CARIBBEAN LIMITED*Claimant*

and

(1) JOANNA AMBROSE

*Defendants*TO: (1) JOANNA AMBROSE whose last known address was La Ressource in the
quarter of Gros IsletNOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that the Claimant FIRSTCARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL BANK (BARBADOS) LIMITED formerly CIBC CARIBBEAN LTD. has filed a Claim Form against you in the High Court of Justice, Saint Lucia, in Claim No. SLUHCV2008/0905 for which the Claimant's Claim is for the sums due and owing by you to the Claimant by loan agreement dated 17 December 1998 and Hypothecary Obligation dated 25 November 1998 together with interest and costs.

AND IT HAS BEEN ORDERED that service of the Claim Form and Statement of Claim in this action and other documents filed herein be effected on you by advertisements of Notice thereof in two (2) consecutive issues of a local Newspaper circulating in Saint Lucia and two (2) consecutive issues of the official Gazette of Saint Lucia.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that if you desire to defend this 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 of Service, judgment may be entered against you.

BY THE COURT

REGISTRAR

Presented for filing by: Peter I. Foster & Associates, Legal Practitioners for the Claimant, whose address for service is: Chambers, Suite No.1, 1st Floor, 25 Brazil Street, Castries, St. Lucia. West Indies. Tel. No.: 758 453-1100, Fax No.: 758 452-4940, E-mail: contact@piflaw.com. The Court Office is at Peynier Street, Castries, Tel. No. 758 453-1916, Fax No. 758453-1917. The Office is open between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Monday to Thursday and between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Friday except public holidays. Email stlhco@candw.lc

[First Publication]

IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

SAINT LUCIA

CLAIM NO. SLUHCV2006/0679

BETWEEN:

FIRST CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL BANK (BARBADOS) LIMITED
formerly CIBC CARIBBEAN LIMITED

Judgment Creditor

and

(1) THELMA EUGENE

Judgment Debtor

TO: (1) THELMA EUGENE whose last known address was Garrand, Babonneau,
in the quarter of Gros Islet

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that the judgment Creditor FIRSTCARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL BANK (BARBADOS) LIMITED formerly CIBC CARIBBEAN LIMITED has on 04 February 2009 in Claim No. SLUHCV2006/0679 in the High Court of Justice, Saint Lucia filed an Application to Fix an Upset for the sale of the immovable property situated at Monier in the Registration Quarter Gros Islet and registered as Parcel Number 1450B 357 for which you are the registered proprietor.

The hearing of the Application will come on at the High Court of Justice on Wednesday 25th February 2009 at 9:00 am.

AND service of the said Application is effected on you by advertisements of this notice in two (2) consecutive issues of a local Newspaper circulating in Saint Lucia and two (2) consecutive issues of the official Gazette of Saint Lucia.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that if you fail to attend the hearing the Application will be heard and an Order made in your absence.

Dated 10th day of February, 2009.

PETER I. FOSTER & ASSOCIATES,

Per:
RENEE T. ST. ROSE
Legal Practitioners for Judgment Creditor

Presented for filing by: Peter I. Foster & Associates, Legal Practitioners for the Claimant, whose address for service is: Chambers, Suite No.1, 1st Floor, 25 Brazil Street, Castries, St. Lucia. West Indies. Tel. No.: 758 453-1100, Fax No.: 758 452-4940, E-mail: contact@piflaw.com. The Court Office is at Peynier Street, Castries, Tel. No. 758 453-1916, Fax No. 758453-2071 The Office is open between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Monday to Thursday and between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Friday except public holidays. Email stluhco@candw.lc

NOTICE

SAINT LUCIA

IN THE MATTER of the Land Acquisition Ordinance Chapter 5.04.

And

IN THE MATTER of a Notification by the Governor General, acting on the advice of Cabinet that part of certain parcels of land situate at Anse Galet, Quarter of Anse La Raye in the island of Saint Lucia are likely to be acquired for a public purpose.

NOTIFICATION

WHEREAS it is enacted by section 4 of the Land Acquisition Ordinance Chapter 5.04 that if it appears to the Governor General acting on the advice of Cabinet that any land is likely to be required for a public purpose and it is necessary to make a preliminary survey or other investigation of the lands she may cause a Notification to that effect to be published in the Gazette.

AND WHEREAS it is considered by the Governor General acting on the advice of Cabinet, that part of certain parcels of land situate at Anse Galet, in the Quarter of Anse La Raye is likely to be required for a public purpose to wit: **Housing**.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby notified by the Governor General acting in accordance with the advice of Cabinet, that part of certain parcels of land mentioned in the schedule hereto is likely to be required for a public purpose, to wit: **Housing**.

SCHEDULE

The land likely to be acquired for a Housing is as follows:

Block and Parcel	Ownership
Part of Parcel 0439B 19	Joseph Adjodha and Company Limited

Together with any other easements which may be necessary.

Dated this 10th Day of February, 2009.

COSMOS RICHARDSON,
Secretary to Cabinet.

[First Publication]

NOTICE

SAINT LUCIA

DECLARATION OF ACQUISITION PURSUANT TO SECTION 3 OF THE LAND ACQUISITION ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 5.04)

And

IN THE MATTER of a Declaration by the Governor General acting on the advice of Cabinet that a Parcel of land situate at La Fargue, quarter of Choiseul in the island of Saint Lucia is likely to be acquired for a public purpose.

DECLARATION OF ACQUISITION OF LAND

WHEREAS, it is enacted by Section 3 of the Land Acquisition Ordinance Chapter 5.04 that if the Governor General acting on the advice of Cabinet considers that any land should be acquired for a public purpose, she may cause a Declaration to that effect to be made;

AND WHEREAS, it is considered by the Governor General acting on the advice of Cabinet that the lands mentioned and described in the Schedule hereto should be acquired for a public purpose to wit: **Playing Field.**

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby declared by the Governor General acting in accordance with the advice of Cabinet, that upon the Second Publication of this Declaration in the Gazette, the lands mentioned in the schedule hereto shall be vested absolutely for a public purpose to wit: **Playing Field.**

SCHEDULE 1

All that piece of land being Parcel 0222B 179 situate at La Fargue, in the Quarter of Choiseul belonging to Marilyn Colletta Cenac as Administratrix of the Estate of Joseph Marie Donald Bousquet is bounded as follows:-

North : By Road
South : By Parcel 0221B 50
East : By Parcel 0222B 108
West : By Parcel 0222B 107

The whole containing 11,322 sq. ft. as shown on Plan of Survey by Casimir W. Clarke, Licensed Land Surveyor dated December 9th, 1958 and lodged in the Survey Office on December 15th, 1958 as Drawing No. CH 214 Z Record No. 94/1958.

Dated this 10th day of February, 2009.

COSMOS RICHARDSON.
Secretary to the Cabinet

[First Publication]

IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

SAINT LUCIA

CLAIM NO. SLUHCV2008/0878

BETWEEN:

BANK OF SAINT LUCIA LIMITED
No.1 Bridge Street, Castries, Saint Lucia

Claimants

and

(1) WINSTON NIGEL BRANCH
(2) ELENI BRANCH
Both of The Morne, Castries, Saint Lucia

Defendants

TO: (1) WINSTON NIGEL BRANCH whose last known registered address was The Morne, Castries, Saint Lucia
(2) ELENI BRANCH whose last known registered address was The Morne, Castries, Saint Lucia

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that an action has been commenced against you in the High Court of Justice (Saint Lucia) No. SLUHCV2008/0878 by THE BANK OF SAINT LUCIA LIMITED in which the Claimants claim a specified sum.

AND service of the Notice of the Claim Form and notice of all proceedings in this action be effected by this advertisement in two (2) consecutive issues of the Local Newspaper circulating in Saint Lucia and in two (2) consecutive issues of the Official Gazette.

AND the Claim Form and Statement of Claim can be viewed at the High Court Office at peynier Street, Castries, Saint Lucia or at the Chambers of Francis & Antoine, 1 st Floor Financial Centre, Bridge Street, Castries, Saint Lucia.

IF YOU DESIRE to defend the said action or to be heard you must within Twenty-eight (28) days of the last publication of this advertisement file an Acknowledgement of Service at the Registry of the High Court of Justice, Peynier Street, Castries, Saint Lucia.

IN DEFAULT of filing such Acknowledgement of Service within the time stipulated, the Court may hear the case in your absence without further notice and Judgment may be granted in favour of the Claimants.

Dated 28th day of January, 2009.

FRANCIS & FRANCIS,
Per:
THADDEUS M. ANTOINE
Of Counsel for the Claimants

This Notice is being filed on behalf of the Claimant's whose address for service is: FRANCIS & ANTOINE, Chambers, 1st Floor, Financial Centre, NO.1 Bridge Street, Castries, Saint Lucia; Telephone 453-2000; Fax: 456-6726; E-mail: tmantoine@fachambers.com. The Court Office is at Peynier Street, Castries, Saint Lucia; Telephone (758) 453-1916; Fax: (758) 453-2071. The Office is open between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00p.m. Mondays to Thursdays and 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. on Fridays except public holidays. The Office can also be contacted via E-mail at sluhco@candw.lc

[Second Publication]

SAINT LUCIA

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
(Civil)

IN THE MATTER of an application for substituted service

and

IN THE MATTER of Order Part 5.14 of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme
Court Civil Procedure Rules 2000

CLAIM NO.: SLUHCV2008/0805

BETWEEN:

ASCHELLE HIPPOLYTE

Claimant

and

JOANNE PAGE

Defendant

BEFORE: THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE BRIAN COTTLE
(A Judge in Chambers)

VERONICA BARNARD of Counsel for the Claimant
The Defendant not appearing or represented by Counsel

TO: JOANNE PAGE whose last known address was Corinth, Gros Islet, Saint Lucia

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that an action has been commenced against you in the High Court of Justice, Saint Lucia No. SLUHCV2008/0805 by ASCHELLE HIPPOLYTE in which the Claimant's claim is for damages for personal injuries, interest and costs.

AND it has been ordered that service of the Claim in this action on you be effected by this advertisement. If you desire to defend the said action you must within twenty-eight days of the last publication of this advertisement enter an appearance at the Registry of the High Court of Justice in the City of Castries.

In default of such appearance Judgment may be entered against you.

BY THE COURT

Registrar.

This Notice was taken out by The Law Offices of Larcher and Barnard Per: Veronica Barnard, Solicitor for the Claimant whose business address for service is No. 10 Bridge Street, Castries, Telephone Number 452-1772, Fax Number 453-6245. The Court office is at Peynier Street, Castries, Saint Lucia Telephone Number 453-1916 Fax. Number 453-2071. The office is open between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00p.m. Monday to Thursday and between 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Friday except public holidays. The office can also be contacted via Email at sluhco@candw.lc.

NOTICE

SAINT LUCIA

IN THE MATTER of the Land Acquisition Ordinance Chapter 5.04.

And

IN THE MATTER of a Notification by the Governor General, acting on the advice of Cabinet that part of certain parcels of land situate at Fond St Jacques, Quarter of Soufriere in the island of Saint Lucia are likely to be acquired for a public purpose.

NOTIFICATION

WHEREAS it is enacted by section 4 of the Land Acquisition Ordinance Chapter 5.04 that if it appears to the Governor General acting on the advice of Cabinet that any land is likely to be required for a public purpose and it is necessary to make a preliminary survey or other investigation of the lands she may cause a Notification to that effect to be published in the Gazette.

AND WHEREAS it is considered by the Governor General acting on the advice of Cabinet, that part of certain parcels of land situate at Fond St Jacques, in the Quarter of Soufriere is likely to be required for a public purpose to wit: **Water Storage Tank**.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby notified by the Governor General acting in accordance with the advice of Cabinet, that part of certain parcels of land mentioned in the schedule hereto is likely to be required for a public purpose, to wit: **Water Storage Tank**.

SCHEDULE

The land likely to be acquired for a Water Storage Tank is part of Parcel 0429B 227 registered in Land Registry in the name of Muriel Joseph half (1/2) share, Columbus Christopher quarter (1/4) share and Bede Joseph quarter (1/4) share.

Together with any other easements which may be necessary.

Dated this 30th Day of January, 2009.

COSMOS RICHARDSON,
Secretary to Cabinet.

[Second Publication]

GOVERNMENT NOTICE

THE public is hereby notified that, effective 23rd January, 2009 and until further notice, I Hon. Stephenson King, Minister of Finance, acting in accordance with the Consumption Tax (Amendment) (No.92) Order 2000, approve the following rates of consumption tax as corresponding to the description of goods and HS Tariff Numbers specified:

<i>HS Tariff Number</i>	<i>Description of Goods</i>	<i>Rate of Tax/Duty</i>
27.10.13.90	Gasolene (Unleaded)	494.50 cents per imperial gallon
27.10.22.10	Illuminating Kerosene exported under processing agreement	-28.82 cents per imperial gallon
27.10.22.90	Other Illuminating Kerosene	-28.82 cents per imperial gallon
27.10.31.10	Diesel Oil exported under the processing agreement	520.53 cents per imperial gallon
27.10.31.90	Other Diesel oil	520.53 cents per imperial gallon
27.10.39.10	Other diesel oil exported under processing agreement	520.53 cents per imperial gallon
27.10.39.90	Other	520.53 cents per imperial gallon
27.11.12.00	Liquid Propane - Bulk (More than 100 lbs)	86.18 cents per pound
	Liquified Propane - (100 lbs)	37.18 cents per pound
	Liquified propane - (20 lbs)	-21.82 cents per pound
27.11.13.00	Liquified Butane - Bulk (More than 100 lbs)	86.18 cents per pound
	Liquified Butane (100 lbs)	37.18 cents per pound
	Liquified Butane (20 lbs)	-21.82 cents per pound
27.11.11.00	Liquified Natural Gas - Bulk (More than 100 lbs)	86.18 cents per pound
	Liquified Natural Gas (100 lbs)	37.18 cents per pound
	Liquified Natural Gas (20 lbs)	-21.82 cents per pound
27.11.14.00	Ethelyne, Propylene, Buthelyne Bulk (More than 100 lbs)	86.18 cents per pound
	Ethelyne, Propylene, Buthelyne (100 lbs)	37.18 cents per pound
	Ethelyne, Propylene, Buthelyne (20 lbs)	-21.82 cents per pound

HON. STEPHENSON KING,
Minister of Finance.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE

THE public is hereby notified that, effective 29th January, 2009 and until further notice, I Hon. Stephenson King, Minister of Finance, acting in accordance with the Consumption Tax (Amendment) (No.92) Order 2000, approve the following rates of consumption tax as corresponding to the description of goods and HS Tariff Numbers specified:

<i>HS Tariff Number</i>	<i>Description of Goods</i>	<i>Rate of Tax/Duty</i>
27.10.13.90	Gasolene (Unleaded)	480.80 cents per imperial gallon
27.10.22.10	Illuminating Kerosene exported under processing agreement	-35.67 cents per imperial gallon
27.10.22.90	Other Illuminating Kerosene	-35.67 cents per imperial gallon
27.10.31.10	Diesel Oil exported under the processing agreement	508.54 cents per imperial gallon
27.10.31.90	Other Diesel oil	508.54 cents per imperial gallon
27.10.39.10	Other diesel oil exported under processing agreement	508.54 cents per imperial gallon
27.10.39.90	Other	508.54 cents per imperial gallon
27.11.12.00	Liquid Propane - Bulk (More than 100 lbs)	85.03 cents per pound
	Liquified Propane - (100 lbs)	36.03 cents per pound
	Liquified propane - (20 lbs)	-22.97 cents per pound
27.11.13.00	Liquified Butane - Bulk (More than 100 lbs)	85.03 cents per pound
	Liquified Butane (100 lbs)	36.03 cents per pound
	Liquified Butane (20 lbs)	-22.97 cents per pound
27.11.11.00	Liquified Natural Gas - Bulk (More than 100 lbs)	85.03 cents per pound
	Liquified Natural Gas (100 lbs)	36.03 cents per pound
	Liquified Natural Gas (20 lbs)	-22.97 cents per pound
27.11.14.00	Ethelyne, Propylene, Buthelyne Bulk (More than 100 lbs)	85.03 cents per pound
	Ethelyne, Propylene, Buthelyne (100 lbs)	36.03 cents per pound
	Ethelyne, Propylene, Buthelyne (20 lbs)	-22.97 cents per pound

HON. STEPHENSON KING,
Minister of Finance.

TECHNOLOGY

Wireless Electricity Is Here



THE FIRST WIRELESS POWERING SYSTEM to market is an inductive device, much like the one Tesla saw in his dreams, but a lot smaller. It looks like a mouse pad and can send power through the air, over a distance of up to a few inches. A powered coil inside that pad creates a magnetic field, which as Faraday predicted, induces current to flow through a small secondary coil that's built into any portable device, such as a flashlight, a phone or a BlackBerry. The electrical current that then flows in that secondary coil charges the device's onboard rechargeable battery. (That iPhone in your pocket has yet to be outfitted with this tiny coil, but, as we'll see, a number of companies are about to introduce products that are.)

The practical benefit of this approach is huge. You can drop any number of devices on the charging pad, and they will recharge -- wirelessly. No more tangle of power cables or jumble of charging stations. What's more, because you are invisible to the magnetic fields created by the system, no electricity will flow into you if you stray between device and pad. Nor are there any exposed "hot" metal connections. And the pads are smart: Their built-in coils are driven by integrated circuits, which know if the device sitting on them is authorized to receive power, or if it needs power at all. So you won't charge your car keys. Or overcharge your flashlight.

The dominant player in this technology for the moment seems to be Michigan-based Fulton Innovation, which unveiled its first set of wirelessly charged consumer products at the 2009 International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas early

this year. Come April, Fulton's new pad-based eCoupled system will be available to police, fire-and-rescue and contractor fleets -- an initial market of as many as 700,000 vehicles annually. The system is being integrated into a truck console designed and produced by Leggett & Platt, a \$4.3 billion commercial shelving giant; it allows users to charge anything from a compatible rechargeable flashlight to a PDA. The tools and other devices now in the pipeline at companies such as Bosch, Energizer and others will look just like their conventional ancestors. Companies such as Philips Electronics, Olympus and Logitech will create a standard for products, from flashlights to drills to cell phones to TV remotes, by the end of this year.

Radio-frequency Harvesting

THE INDUCTION SYSTEMS are only the beginning. Some of the most visually arresting examples of wireless electricity are based on what's known as radio frequency, or RF. While less efficient, they work across distances of up to 85 feet. In these systems, electricity is transformed into radio waves, which are transmitted across a room, then received by so-called power harvesters and translated back into low-voltage direct current. Imagine smoke detectors or clocks that never need their batteries replaced. Sound trivial? Consider: Last November, to save on labor costs, General Motors canceled the regularly scheduled battery replacement in the 562 wall clocks at its Milford Proving Ground headquarters. This technology is already being used by the Department of Defense. This year, it will be available to consumers in the form of a few small appliances and wireless sensors; down the road, it will appear in wireless boxes into which you can toss any and all of your electronics for recharging.

Magnetically Coupled Resonance

INVENTED BY MIT'S SOLJACIC (who has dubbed it WiTricity), the technique can power an entire room, assuming the room is filled with enabled devices. Though WiTricity uses two coils -- one powered, one not, just like eCoupled's system -- it differs radically in the following way: Soljacic's coils don't have to be

close to each other to transfer energy. Instead, they depend on so-called magnetic resonance. Like acoustical resonance, which allows an opera singer to break a glass across the room by vibrating it with the correct frequency of her voice's sound waves, magnetic resonance can launch an energetic response in something far away. In this case, the response is the flow of electricity out of the receiving coil and into the device to which it's connected. The only caveat is that receiving coil must be properly "tuned" to match the powered coil, in the way that plucking a D string on any tuned piano will set all the D strings to vibrating, but leave all other notes still and silent. (This explains why Soljacic considers the machinery that create these frequencies, and the shape of the coils, top secret.)

Importantly, then, WiTricity doesn't depend on line of sight. A powered coil in your basement could power the rest of the house, wirelessly. Will the cat be OK? "Biological organisms are invisible to, and unaffected by, a magnetic field," Soljacic says. While I am mulling that statement, he tells me the company will not yet reveal the name of its partners because those partnerships haven't been formalized, but they include major consumer electronics brands and some U.S. defense customers.

As has been the tradition since Tesla and Thomas Edison angrily parted ways in 1885, the enormous consumer demand for wireless electricity is begetting intense competition. Last November, a consortium of manufacturers coalesced around Fulton's eCoupled system. But Fulton and WiTricity aren't the only companies fighting to bring wireless electricity to market. WiPower, in Altamonte Springs, Fla., has also created an induction system and says it, too, is close to announcing partnerships. And Pittsburgh-based Powercast, an RF system, sells wireless Christmas ornaments and is testing industrial sensors for release this summer.

After he flips the switch, the little television, 5 feet away, springs to life. Wirelessly. The DVD player inside spins up to a low whine. Colors flicker on the moving screen. And Soljacic's eyes dance with the reflected light of the image.

SPORTS

CRICKET

Jayawardene quits Sri Lanka role



Batsman Mahela Jayawardene is to step down as Sri Lanka captain.

He will give up the job following a two-match Test series in Pakistan, which begins on 22 February.

Jayawardene has been in charge since 2006 and has led the team to 15 wins in 26 Tests, losing only seven, and to the final of the 2007 World Cup.

But the 31-year-old said: "After much thought, I have concluded that the right time has now come for fresh leadership to take over."

Sri Lanka won a one-day series in Pakistan 2-1 last month but have since lost five out of six home matches to India and Jayawardene was dropped from the team for Tuesday's Twenty20 match in Colombo, when they were led by Tillakaratne Dilshan, because of his own poor form.

Dilshan could be a candidate to succeed Jayawardene as full-time skipper, although Kumar Sangakkara may be favourite for the job. Jayawardene, who was voted ICC captain of the year in 2006, is Sri Lanka's most successful skipper in statistical terms, having won 62.5% of Tests and 57% of limited overs

matches.

And he explained that giving up the job was "not an easy decision" because it had been a "source of enormous pride".

But he said: "This is something I have been considering for some time as it has been my long-held belief that my successor should have at least 18 months in the job to imprint his vision on the team for the 2011 World Cup.

"I look forward now to extending my full support to my successor and hope to play a major part in the team's success during the coming years as a batsman."

Jayawardene has played 100 Tests and 299 one-day internationals and has scored more than 16,000 runs for Sri Lanka in all forms of the game.

His 24 Test centuries are a national record and he is still ranked the sixth best batsman in the world Test rankings, currently headed by Shivnarine Chanderpaul of West Indies.

Asif receives one-year drugs ban

An Indian Premier League (IPL) drugs tribunal has handed Pakistan seam bowler Mohammad Asif a one-year ban.

Asif tested positive for the banned steroid nandrolone during the inaugural IPL competition in May last year.

The 26-year-old was banned from all forms of cricket by the Pakistan Cricket Board immediately after the failed test was made public in July.

Asif terminated his IPL deal last month and now plans to consult his legal team before deciding whether to appeal.

Reacting to the news of Asif's ban, the International Cricket Council said all member boards should en-

sure Asif cannot play official cricket anywhere for the duration of his suspension.

"As an international governing body, the ICC maintains a zero tolerance in the area of doping," said chief executive Haroon Lorgat.

"We are proud of the fact that we have been testing at our events since 2002 and in that time we are yet to have an adverse analytical finding.

"Together with our members we are committed to the implementation of a new ICC Anti-Doping Code (2009) that will seek to ensure we have a great sport with a great spirit."

The drugs tribunal comprised former India captain Sunil Gavaskar,

legal expert Shirish Gupte and Dr Ravi Bapat.

An initial hearing took place last October and a second was scheduled the following month, but was postponed until January following the bomb attacks in Mumbai.

During the hearing Asif, who who has played 11 Tests and 31 one-day internationals, said eye drops prescribed for an inflammatory condition were the reason for the adverse test.

The offence was Asif's second involving nandrolone. He tested positive for the banned substance during an out-of-competition test conducted by the PCB in October 2006 and missed the Champions Trophy as a result. He was handed a one-year ban by the PCB which was subsequently overturned on appeal after he claimed he had not knowingly taken the drug.