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10th May 2017

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Dear Sir,

**Re: Three Requests for Information by Disclosure Today all dated 27th October 2016
which were made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act 1999**

Reference is made to the matter at caption and to your letter of the 27th April 2017, which was received by us via email on the 28th April 2017.

We note in your missive you repeated the history of the matter, and at page 6 raised the further issues you have with the information provided in ours of the 14th February 2017.

Your first concern being the reason behind the registration of the Trinidad Hilton Management Agreement but maintaining that the Magdalena Agreement was an exempt document. In this regard we wish to point out the following:

1. DE200601713101 is a Deed of Lease which vests the premises with Hilton for a term of twenty (20) years with the intent that the covenants and stipulations and conditions set forth the Deed would be observed by e TeckK and Hilton and the operations of the Hotel would be executed and performed in accordance with the said Deed.
2. The Magdalena Grand Hotel is managed under a Hotel Management Agreement which does not vest the Land or the Hotel in the Manager/Operator, but is simply an agreement for the provision of management services at the Magdalena Hotel. Whilst we maintain the this Agreement is exempt under the Act for reasons already set out in ours of the 14th February 2017, the Magdalena Hotel Manager i.e. NEF & JM Associates Incorporated, is a private entity and permission is necessary in order for this document

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to be disclosed (if at all). A copy of your letter dated the 27th April 2017 has been forwarded to the said NEF & JM Associates Incorporated so that they can also seek the necessary advice on the way forward.

In addition, we wish to correct a statement made in yours of the 20th December 2016 and repeated in yours of the 20th January 2017, and 27th April 2017 respectively.

You stated:

“Based on the information in the public domain, both the Hilton Hotel (Trinidad) and the Magdalena Grand Hotel were built by the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (hereinafter referred to as Trinidad and Tobago) and are also owned by Trinidad and Tobago therefore it was difficult to understand how information relating to the profitability of that venture as well as the information contained in my client’s three requests could not be made available.”

While this is true of the Hilton Hotel (Trinidad) it is not true with respect to Magdalena. Vanguard Hotel Limited was a joint venture between Hilton International, Tourism and Industrial development Company (TIDCO) and Tobago Plantations Limited (TPL) and was formed for the purpose of investing in the construction and ownership of a hotel in Tobago. The respective partnership interests were as follows:

TIDCO - 47.42%

TPL - 30.10%

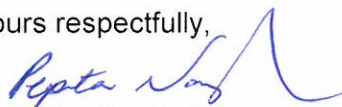
Hilton International – 22.48 %

The Hilton shares were transferred to e Teck on the 16th May 2008 and the TPL shares were transferred to e Teck on the 1st July 2008. At present F & K Holdings Limited also has a minority shareholding in VHL. In the circumstances the Magdalena Hotel is not wholly owned by Trinidad and Tobago.

With respect to your statements on the accounts, we maintain our position as stated in ours of the 14th February 2017. Whilst we note the contents of the Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee of Parliament, we have done all that was necessary to ensure that the accounts and audits were brought up to date in accordance with the State Enterprise Performance Manual.

Please be so advised.

Yours respectfully,



Pepita Narinesingh,
Assistant Vice President, Legal