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Urban Development Corporation of
Trinidad and Tobago Limited

26th May, 2017

Mr. Rishi Maharaj
Disclosure Today
120 Abercromby Street
Port of Spain

Dear Sir,

Re: Request for Access to Official Document(s) Pursuant to section 13 of the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA")

We refer to your letters of 17th February and to ours of 6th February, 2017. In your letter, you sought to clarify your requests as follows:

Management Contract/ Agreement

Disclosure Today is requesting any and all copies of Hotel Management Contracts/ Agreements relating to the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Trinidad and Tobago. That/ those agreements would be in respect of management and operation of the Hyatt Regency Hotel in POS, between the Government of Trinidad and Tobago (and/or its subsidiaries or agencies charged with such responsibility) and Hyatt Hotels Corporation (and/or its subsidiaries or agencies) – in any case, we are requesting the agreement to which you referred in preparing your reply of 25th November, 2016

Additional Information (2.1 to 2.10 and 3.1 to 3.9)

With regards to our second request (numbered 2.1 to 2.10) and third request (numbered 3.1 to 3.9) in your response of February 6th 2017, Disclosure Today is seeking information contained either in the said Hotel Management Agreement (mentioned in the paragraph above) or in any other subsequent document that UDeCOTT has in its possession in relation to the performance of the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Port of Spain Trinidad

One can readily conclude from the several unequivocal, public statements by responsible public officials that analyses are available to UDeCOTT into the operations and performance of the Hyatt Regency Hotel. We are therefore not seeking or requesting that UDeCOTT "create new documents" but rather to provide information from what it already has in its possession, either through the Hotel Management Agreement or other documents which you have in your possession.

We respond as follows:

Management Contract/ Agreement

1. This request entails two parts:
 - i. Any and all copies of Hotel Management Contracts/ Agreements between the Government of Trinidad and Tobago (and/or its subsidiaries or agencies charged with such responsibility) and Hyatt Hotels Corporation (and/or its subsidiaries or agencies) ("the General Request"); and
 - ii. The agreement to which you claim we referred in preparing our reply of 25th November, 2016 ("the Specific Request").

The General Request

2. This request is vague and broad. Moreover, it involves matters of the government and/or its subsidiaries and/or agencies and documents/contracts relative to the government and/or its subsidiaries and/or agencies of which we are not aware. UDeCOTT is neither a subsidiary nor an agency of the Government and as far as we are aware, the Government of Trinidad and Tobago does not have subsidiaries and/or agencies. Nevertheless, our preliminary view is that this is a request which may be better directed to the Government.
3. Additionally, Hyatt Hotels Corporation, the party identified in your request, is not an entity with which UDeCOTT has any Contracts/Agreements. We are not aware of the existence of any subsidiaries or agencies (if any) of Hyatt Hotels Corporation and cannot say whether such subsidiaries or agencies would be in possession of such Contracts/Agreements.

The Specific Request

4. We are in discussions with the relevant undertaking in an effort to have its views as to whether disclosure should occur finalised. This we must do in accordance with s.31(3) of the FOIA.

Additional Information (2.1 to 2.10 and 3.1 to 3.9)

5. The information relative to request No. 2.1 has already been provided to you by us in our letter dated 25th November, 2016.
6. With respect to the other Additional Information, we are not satisfied that you have properly clarified these requests.
7. It is not clear to us to which Management Agreement/ Contract (that is to say, the General or Specific Request) you refer when you say; "*the said Hotel Management Agreement (mentioned in the paragraph above)*".
8. In relation to the alleged "*unequivocal, public statements by responsible public officials that analyses are available to UDeCOTT into the operations and performance of the Hyatt Regency Hotel*", you have not directed us to these alleged statements nor have you identified the so-called "public officials" who have made these statements in order to assist us to identify to what

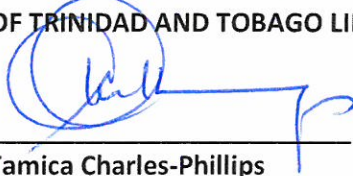
document you refer. Moreover, it is not clear from your letter, to what analyses these officials were allegedly referring and in what context so that we may ascertain whether such analyses are even in our possession.

9. Further, you have not answered our specific questions relative to Request 2.6 raised in our letter of 6th February, 2017. We also draw your attention to Request Nos. 3.3, 3.8 and 3.6 which require further clarification by you.

Having regard to the above, we invite you to meet with our representatives to meaningfully discuss these requests so that we may be in a position to identify the document/(s) that you wish disclosed and determine whether such document/(s) exist and are in our possession.

Yours sincerely,

**URBAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO LIMITED**



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