

Media Release

Caribbean Corporate Governance Institute appoints new Chairman Mr. Ronnie Bissessar to lead the Institute's Board of Directors



June 30, 2016: The Caribbean Corporate Governance Institute (“the Institute”) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Ronnie Bissessar as the Chairman of its Board of Directors.

Mr. Bissessar was a founding director of the Institute, re-elected on April 17, 2015 and was appointed Chairman on June 30, 2016. He takes over from Dr. Axel Kravatzky whose term has ended.

The Institute is a non-for-profit membership based organisation whose principal objective is to encourage and become the leading regional resource center for corporate governance best practices as well as a world-class director training and professional development institute and for these purposes it has received registration from the Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago.

Members of the Institute represent the most senior and influential local and regional business leaders. In November 2013 the Institute co-authored the Trinidad and Tobago Corporate Governance Code in partnership with the Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce and the Trinidad and Tobago Stock Exchange.

Mr. Ronnie Bissessar is a Commercial Attorney- at- Law in private practice. He is also a mediator certified by the Mediation Board of Trinidad and Tobago and the University of Windsor Faculty of Law.

Mr. Bissessar is President of the Trinidad and Tobago Heart Foundation. He is a former Vice President of the Assembly of Southern Lawyers and Past President of the Rotary Club of San Fernando South and has received a Paul Harris Fellow which is Rotary’s highest honour. Mr. Bissessar is presently a Senior Ordinary Member of the Council of the Law Association and is a former Chairman of the South West Regional Health Authority and a director of the Telecommunication Services of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (TSTT).

Mr. Bissessar serves as director/secretary of the Prestige Past Students’ Foundation which is a not-for-profit foundation which raises funds for his alma mater Presentation College, San Fernando; He is also a co-

founder/director/secretary of the Trinidad and Tobago Legal Network which promotes continuing legal education to members of the legal profession and provides a forum for scholarly debate on important legal issues.

Mr. Bissessar has previously served as a Lecturer in Business Law on the Executive MBA Programme at the Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School of Business and is presently a Lecturer in Corporate Practice and Procedure at the Hugh Wooding Law School. He is also an External Examiner of the University of the West Indies.

In 1985 Mr. Bissessar was awarded the Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics from the University of the West Indies and in 1988 was awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree in Law at the University of London. In 1993 he received the Legal Education Certificate from the Hugh Wooding Law School.

As Chairman, Mr Bissessar will lead the Institute's Board; he is joined on the Board by Mr. Leslie Clarke, Mrs. Fé Lopez-Collymore, Mrs. Rani Lakhani-Narace, Dr. Arnold Niranjani, Mrs. Jacqueline Quamina and Mr. Nigel Romano (all of Trinidad and Tobago), Mr. Vincent Hippolyte of St. Lucia, Mr. Marlon Yarde of Barbados and Mr. Clarence Faulkner of the British Virgin Islands.

More information on all the Board members are available at www.caribbeangovernance.org.

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