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Remarks

Helping Hands Launch

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Good morning to everyone

First let me make apologies for our President and CEO, on whose behalf I am delivering these remarks, as he had a scheduling conflict and was unable to join us this morning. He sends his best regards.

I am happy you've joined us this morning as we launch another initiative under our Corporate Social Responsibility programme.

This initiative is called Helping Hands and it adds another dimension to how we Live Our Vision Everyday, or LOVE at Sagicor. As the name suggests, this programme will seek to give a helping hand to non-governmental organisations (NGOs) across the Caribbean.

In mid-June, we put out a call for NGOs to submit their needs – either a project they wished to execute; or infrastructural wants for which they needed procurement support. We received hundreds of submissions from organisations that served all sectors of our Caribbean community – health support, community upliftment, education, sports development and so much more.

Two things were very apparent:

- The Caribbean is overflowing with persons whose passion it is to alleviate the pain and suffering of others and
- There are many individuals and groups in need of support, so there is room for everyone to indeed lend a helping hand.

The truth is, there is no version of our society that can succeed with persons, or organisations acting in isolation. And with that in mind each element of us Living Our Vision Everyday sees us seeking to provide support to the community.

Our CSR programme, Living Our Vision Every day is comprised of four pillars: Health, Community and Youth Development, Sport, and Education. Each project we've launched under our Group CSR, which speaks to projects we do together as a Southern Caribbean team, seeks to also provide support in these areas. Our annual Pinktober campaign brings awareness to breast cancer and screening for early detection; our revamped Adopt-A-School Programme was launched last year, with a focus on supporting selected schools and the achievement of their educational goals; while in celebration of our 180th anniversary, we undertook 180 Acts of Kindness, which saw us conducting charitable acts across the region.

Helping Hands therefore helps to round out our Group CSR activities by supporting another foundational institutional area of our community, the NGO.

The fact is that NGOs, charities, and service organisations do much of the important work needed to move our societies forward and it is often the valiant efforts of regular people who are brave enough to take up the mantle of a cause, a plight or bring awareness to a national or global issue. The people at the center of these organisations need to be commended and uplifted, but most of all, they

need to be supported and we at Sagicor are pleased to be able to play our part and offer a helping hand to them.

With initiatives like Helping Hands, Sagicor is desirous of leading and reinforcing the power of generosity to make a difference in the lives of others and in our lives too.

We're excited about this initiative and we're hopeful that you will journey with us as we support and help tell the stories of the NGOs that we have selected, because by sharing, we influence impact which helps them reach more people and receive even more support. And so, the circle keeps turning.

Thank you for joining us and let's all work together, to lend a helping hand.