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CIBC FirstCaribbean Celebrates The 50th Anniversary Of KPMG

Bridgetown, Barbados, 16 October 2023 – An historic milestone was achieved recently when KPMG Barbados celebrated the 50th anniversary of the business which was founded by Ken Hewitt (now Sir Kenneth) back in 1973.

As part of the celebrations and to mark the occasion, CIBC FirstCaribbean presented the firm with an award cementing their relationship as a financial partner throughout this period and Managing Director for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean Donna Wellington and members of her team visited the firm to present the award to the Partners.

KPMG Barbados is a member of the KPMG Global network, providing audit, tax and advisory services in Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean. Within the 50-year lifespan of the firm, the local office has grown to become a leader in the professional services industry in Barbados and is one of the principal accounting firms on the island.

At a gala event in June, held to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the organisation, the company announced a series of community projects to give back beyond its core business operations. These would focus on environmental sustainability, the goals of which align with similar ones which CIBC FirstCaribbean expounds in its own business and financing operations.

The two organisations have also collaborated on the recently held Caribbean Infrastructure Conference (CARIF) which brings together public and private sector entities to discuss the infrastructural needs of the region and the financing of these projects. They have been working on this annual event together for the past 7 years.

Donna Wellington, in presenting the award to Managing Partner Grant McDonald, congratulated the team at KPMG for the work that they have been doing “I am really pleased to present this small token of our longstanding relationship and I wish you all the best for another 50 years of success in all your business endeavours.”

In accepting the award, Grant McDonald thanked the bank and commented on the great relationship between his firm and the bank, both of which operate across the region.

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Donna Wellington (4th from right) presents the Award to Managing Partner and Head of Tax Grant McDonald. Others in the photo from left are Lois Alick, Head Of Credit Underwriting and Portfolio Management Corporate Banking Barbados & OECS, Christopher Brome - Partner, Advisory, Ashley Clarke - Partner, Audit, Gillian Charles-Gollop – Executive Director of Corporate Banking & Sustainable Finance, CIBC FirstCaribbean, Jan Martinek - Partner, Audit, Rene Wall – Relationship Manager, FirstCaribbean, Clarissa Springer, Senior Manager, Portfolio Management Barbados & OECS, Trecia Gittens-Newton - Senior Manager, People, and far right Jeffrey Newton - Director, Corporate Banking, Barbados & OECS, CIBC FirstCaribbean.



The Award presented to the KPMG team from CIBC FirstCaribbean

About CIBC FirstCaribbean

CIBC FirstCaribbean is a relationship bank offering a full range of market leading financial services through our Corporate and Investment Banking, Retail and Business Banking and Wealth Management segments. We are located in twelve (12) countries around the Caribbean, providing the banking services through approximately 2,700 employees in 48 branches and offices. We are one of the largest regionally listed financial services institutions in the English and Dutch speaking Caribbean, with US\$13 billion in assets and market capitalization of US\$1 billion. We also have a representative office in Hong Kong that provides business development and relationship management for our fund administration. The face of banking is changing throughout the world and CIBC FirstCaribbean intends to lead these changes with the expertise, integrity and knowledge gained from banking in the Caribbean since 1836.

CIBC FirstCaribbean is a member of the CIBC Group. CIBC is a leading Canadian-based global financial institution with 11 million personal banking and business clients. Through our three major business units - Retail and Business Banking, Wealth Management and Capital Markets - CIBC offers a full range of products and services through its comprehensive electronic banking network, branches and offices across Canada with offices in the United States and around the world.

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