



DATE: January 5, 2024

**COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE TRINIDAD & TOBAGO CHAMBER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE (T&T CHAMBER)
AND THE TRINIDAD & TOBAGO STOCK EXCHANGE LIMITED (TTSE)**

For Immediate Release

Port of Spain, January 5, 2024 — The Trinidad & Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce (T&T Chamber) and the Trinidad & Tobago Stock Exchange Limited (TTSE) proudly announced the signing of a cooperative agreement, solidifying their commitment to fostering growth and innovation within the business ecosystem of Trinidad and Tobago.

Background:

Both Parties share a common vision to cultivate capital raising opportunities for entrepreneurs, small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and businesses aspiring to further expand their business with good governance standards by being listed on the TTSE. Recognizing the transformative power of collaboration, this agreement seeks to provide vital support and capacity-building initiatives crucial for achieving this objective.

Signing Ceremony:

The signing ceremony was held on January 5th, 2024, at the T&T Chamber's office, Westmoorings. The signing was done by the President of the T&T Chamber, Ms. Kiran Maharaj; Chief Executive Officer of TTSE, Ms. Eva Mitchell and witnessed by the Minister in the Ministry of Finance, The Honourable Brian Manning.

Commentary:

Delivering the opening remarks, Ms. Kiran Maharaj, President of the T&T Chamber expressed, "The signing of this cooperative agreement marks a collaboration which clearly indicates a commitment to cultivating entrepreneurship and a vibrant ecosystem for emerging entities to thrive, providing them with the resources, mentorship, support and exposure necessary for success. It will allow for investor confidence providing opportunities for high-potential, early-stage investments.

It is an intersection too of innovation and investment where we can also create opportunities and foster inclusivity. Strategic partnerships such as this have the transformative potential which is much needed in the current climate of change where new pathways to prosperity must be devised

for the sake of economic prosperity of all. It is a shared vision to create an environment for growth and resilience.”

In agreement, the CEO of TTSE, Ms. Eva Mitchell during her remarks stated, "This collaboration is not merely a ceremonial act, it is a commitment, a shared vision rooted in the development of opportunities for small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and businesses aspiring to be listed on the TTSE. Today's MOU signifies our joint dedication to providing the necessary support and capacity-building initiatives essential for realizing this objective. Our belief in the transformative power of collaboration is the driving force behind this partnership. By combining the resources and expertise of the TTSE and the T&T Chamber, we aim to create a synergistic environment that fosters growth and innovation within our business ecosystem. Through this partnership, we seek to amplify our impact, providing entrepreneurs and SMEs with access to capital markets, enhanced visibility and the means to contribute significantly to the economic prosperity of our nation."

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Figure 1 Mr. Stephen de Gannes, CEO - T&T Chamber; Ms. Eva Mitchell, CEO- TTSE; Ms. Kiran Maharaj, President - T&T Chamber; The Honourable Brian Manning, Minister in the Ministry of Finance and Mr. Charles Pashley, Immediate Past President – T&T Chamber during the official MoU signing ceremony.



Figure 2 Mr. Brian Manning witnessed the official signing between T&T Chamber and TTSE as Ms. Kiran Maharaj, President - T&T Chamber and Ms. Eva Mitchell, CEO – TTSE signs the cooperative agreement. Mr. Stephen de Gannes, CEO – T&T Chamber looks on during the signing ceremony.



Figure 3 Attentive crowd captivated by Mr. Jase Torry's, Market Operations Manager at TTSE - SME Market Presentation during the MoU signing ceremony.



Figure 4 Mr. Jase Torry's, Market Operations Manager at TTSE delivers an insightful presentation on 'Opportunities for SMEs'