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MEDIA RELEASE

TT Chamber Approved as Official Training Facility by Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX)

The Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce (TT Chamber) proudly announces that its facilities have been officially inspected and approved by the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) as a certified training centre.

This milestone positions the Chamber as a hub for world-class training in industrial and workplace safety, emergency response, risk management, business continuity and workforce development. The approval followed a rigorous inspection process in which the TT Chamber's safety protocols, practices and operational standards were thoroughly assessed to ensure compliance with TEEX's internationally benchmarked requirements. This recognition comes through collaboration with Apexis Risk Innovation Group (ARIG), the exclusive TEEX Corporate Learning Centre in the English-speaking Caribbean.

TEEX is a United States state agency and part of the prestigious Texas A&M University System, ranked number two among public universities in the United States. With more than 80 years of expertise in emergency response, law enforcement, industrial safety and workforce competency development, TEEX is a globally recognised authority in training and technical assistance.

In Fiscal Year 2024 alone, TEEX trained over 225,000 participants across 124 countries, delivering more than 3.3 million contact hours of instruction. Its internationally respected programmes include Fire and Emergency Services, Infrastructure and Safety, Law Enforcement, Business and Cyber Solutions, and Homeland Security through its National Emergency Response and Recovery Training Centre (NERRTC).

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Commenting on this achievement, Vashti Guyadeen, Chief Executive Officer of the Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce, stated:

"This approval strengthens our ability to deliver internationally accredited training right here at home, helping local industries save costs while accessing the highest standards in safety, security and resilience. It represents a significant step in enhancing national and regional preparedness, ensuring industries are equipped to respond effectively to evolving risks and operational demands of modern industries while aligning our workforce with global best practices."

Quote from the CEO of Apexis:

"The Chamber's selection as an official TEEEX approved facility underscores the strength of Trinidad and Tobago's institutions and their readiness to meet international benchmarks. At Apexis, we are proud to partner with the Chamber in shaping a safer, more resilient and globally competitive workforce for the Caribbean." – Andrea Davis, Chief Executive Officer, Apexis Risk Innovation Group



Photo Caption from L to R: Brian Freeman, Director of International Business, TEEEX; Vashti G. Guyadeen, CEO, TT Chamber; and Ulises Penalver, Agency Programme Manager, International Business, TEEEX.

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Photo Caption from L to R: Rishi Ramnath, Manager, Administration and Information Communications Technology, TT Chamber; Kirth Regis, COO, ARIG; Andrea Davis, CEO, ARIG; Vashti G. Guyadeen, CEO, TT Chamber; Sharkana Lynch, Commercial Director, ARIG; Brian Freeman, Director of International Business, TEEEX; and Ulises Penalver, Agency Programme Manager, International Business, TEEEX.

About Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX)

The Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) is a United States state agency within the Texas A&M University System. Established over 80 years ago, TEEX is a global leader in training and consultancy, specialising in emergency response, industrial safety, law enforcement, business solutions and homeland security. Each year, TEEX trains hundreds of thousands of participants worldwide, equipping industries and governments with the knowledge and competencies to save lives, protect assets and safeguard communities.

About Apexis Risk Innovation Group (ARIG)

Apexis Risk Innovation Group (ARIG) is the exclusive TEEX Corporate Learning Centre in the English-speaking Caribbean, delivering internationally accredited training and consultancy services in emergency response, risk management, business continuity and workforce

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development. With over 100 years of combined expertise, ARIG is committed to building resilience and operational excellence across industries.

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