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The Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Finance,
Eric Williams Financial Complex
Brian Lara Promenade
Port of Spain.

21st December, 2012

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Request for Information by Mr. Afra Raymond made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act 1999

I refer to the above-captioned matter in which I am instructed by Mr. Afra Raymond of Emrond House, #111 Oxford Street, Port of Spain. I also refer to my letter dated the 11th May, 2012 in which I enclosed my client's Freedom of Information Application form dated the 8th May, 2012 and to your letter of response dated the 14th August, 2012.

I am instructed as follows:-

1. That in respect to my client's request for "CL Financial Limited's audited financial statements for the years 2008-2011 along with any interim, preliminary, draft or unaudited statements which have been relied upon by the Ministry of Finance" You have referred my client to Section 13(2) of the FOI Act. You have requested that he tailor his request in accordance with that Section. I am instructed to provide further clarification of my client's request as requested by your goodselves and to indicate that my client is seeking all interim, preliminary, draft or

unaudited statements that were relied upon by the Honourable Mr. Winston Dookeran at Paragraphs 21 and 22 of his affidavit filed on the 3rd April, 2012 in the High Court in <u>H.C.A No. 1234 of 2011/CV 2011-01234 Percy Farrell & Ors v Clico, Central Bank & Ors in which he made reference to a \$24 billion dollar expenditure of Public Money.</u>

- 2. That in respect to my client's request for "The presentation made to Members of Parliament in September, 2011 as a briefing for the debate on the Central Bank (Amendment) Bill and the Purchase of Certain Rights and Validation Bill 2011 including copies of all slides, power-point slides, tables, charts, schedules, text or other information which comprised that presentation". You have refused the request on the basis that the requested documents are exempt under Section 33 of the Freedom of Information Act. You are kindly requested to indicate under what sub-section of Section 33 my client's request has been refused so that my client can fully assess his legal options and proceed accordingly.
- 3. That in respect of my client's request for "Any other information or analysis as to the composition of the creditors of CL Financial, in particular EFPA holders, the dates of repayment and the identities of those whose investments have been repaid" You have referred my client to Section 13(2) of the FOI Act. You have requested that he tailor his request in accordance with that Section. However, I am instructed that my client's request for the name and number of EFPA holders and the dates that their investments were repaid is clear and self-explanatory. You are therefore requested to indicate what further specific information you require in order to determine whether you will accede to my client's request for the information sought. Alternatively, you are kindly requested to confirm whether my client's request is being granted or refused and if refused, the grounds for same.

You are kindly requested to provide your urgent response within thirty (30) days of the date hereof, in accordance with Section 15 of the Freedom of Information Act 1999.

Yours Sincerely,

Kingsley Walesby