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PRESS RELEASE

CENTRAL BANK AND CLICO FILE CIVIL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST DUPREY, MONTEIL AND RELATED COMPANIES

Today, the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago (CBTT) and Colonial Life Insurance Company (Trinidad) Limited (CLICO) filed civil proceedings against Mr. Lawrence Duprey, Mr. Andre Monteil, CL Financial Limited, Dalco Capital Management Limited and Stone Street Capital Limited arising from the failure of CLICO, following the CBTT's exercise of emergency powers under section 44D of the Central Bank Act Ch. 79:02 in respect of CLICO.

The claims include allegations of mismanagement of CLICO and misapplication and misappropriation of its income and assets to the detriment of its policyholders and mutual fund investors. CBTT and CLICO are seeking damages, equitable compensation and declarations related to certain agreements and property of CLICO.

The Statement of Case alleges breach of statutory and common law duties and related accessory liabilities on the part of the Defendants and highlights certain egregious transactions involving the use of CLICO's assets and income to its detriment, such as:

- o transactions related to shares in Republic Bank Limited;
- o drinks transactions including Lascelles de Mercado;
- o energy transactions including the sale of CLICO's stake in CLICO Energy Ltd;
- o Florida property transactions; and
- o the sale of 7 million HMB shares.

The pleadings highlight:

- the subordination of the interests of CLICO, its policyholders and mutual fund unit investors to the private interests of Mr. Duprey and Mr. Monteil and their companies;
- the lack of proper governance and serial mismanagement;
- improper dealing with CLICO's assets and the funds of policyholders and mutual fund unitholders.

This action is based on the forensic investigations commissioned by the CBTT into the affairs of CLICO. The forensic work is continuing and may result in the expansion of this claim and/or further action.

Notes for Editors

1. CBTT (along with CLICO) is undertaking the civil proceedings mentioned above pursuant to the Central Bank Act, Chap. 79:02 and in particular sections 44D and 44E of that Act, whereby CBTT has assumed control of CLICO.
2. On April 16, 2010, the CBTT-appointed Manager of CIB also commenced civil proceedings against Louis Andre Monteil, Richard Trotman, First Capital Limited and Stone Street Limited arising from the failure of CIB.
3. CBTT, on April 14, 2011, informed the public, by way of a Press Release, that the preparation of civil proceedings based on the forensic investigation reports, was at an advanced stage. This action represents the culmination of those preparations; however, the Bank notes that investigations continue which may lead to the expansion of this claim and other action.

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