



THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS OF BARBADOS

Press Statement

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Barbados pleased to contribute to the Haiti relief effort

Bridgetown, Barbados, January 19, 2010: The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Barbados (ICAB) is pleased to have played its part in assisting the recent One Caribbean Media Help Haiti Now! radiothon to surpass the million-dollar fundraising mark.

The President, Council and Members of ICAB, have been greatly saddened by the loss of life and the destruction of property in Haiti. The scale of devastation caused by the earthquake has deeply touched all Barbadians. The thoughts and prayers of the members of the accounting profession in Barbados go out to the people of Haiti. Following word of the devastating earthquake last week, the Council of the accounting organisation quickly decided that it wanted to be part of the relief effort in an immediately meaningful way. The organisation mobilized a contribution of \$5 000, which was deposited at StarCom Network's River Road headquarters on the Friday prior to the radiothon.

President of ICAB Rueben Blenman has noted the outpouring of support from the business sector for the Haiti relief effort and lauds the demonstration of corporate social responsibility by companies in Barbados. Chartered Accountants in Barbados, both through their respective firms as well as through ICAB, their professional association are committed to a stepped up effort to demonstrate a greater degree of social responsibility through sharing and giving.

The President Blenman recognizes that the rebuilding process for Haiti and its people will be a long and hard one and in this regard, he urged all Barbadians to see these donations as only an early contribution toward the provision of emergency relief for our brothers and sisters. He also urges ICAB's over 600 members to continue to contribute to the effort in every way they possibly could, even after the emergency drive.

The ICAB president wishes to emphasise that the organisation remains committed to working with its Caribbean counterparts to further the development of the profession in the region and is willing to assist the rebuilding effort of the profession in Haiti in any way it can.