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Urban Development Corporation
of Trinidad and Tobago Limited

An Agency of the Ministry of
Housing, and Urban Development

STATEMENT

"UDeCOTT has Complied with All Consultation Requirements for the Couva Children's Hospital"

The Urban Development Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (UDeCOTT) emphatically denies allegations that it did not ensure Consultations were held with Stakeholder Groups regarding the Couva Children's Hospital.

UDeCOTT views as reckless and damaging to its reputation, these allegations which appeared in a column that was published in a local newspaper's Business Section on Wednesday 11th December 2013

UDeCOTT has complied with all consultation requirements in respect of this project. The details of these stakeholder consultations with all user and stakeholder groups are stated below.

Public Consultations as required by the Environmental Management Authority (EMA) which were attended by Officials of the EMA, Officials of the Ministry of Health, Officials of the SWRHA, other Stakeholder Groups and Residents were hosted by UDeCOTT on:

- 3rd May, 2012 at the Preysal Community Centre
- 8th May, 2012 at the Preysal High School

The Certificate of Environmental Clearance (CEC) was received on June 15th, 2012.

Major additional Stakeholder Consultations were held with groups from Ministry of Health (MOH), South West Regional Health Authority (SWRHA) and the University of the West Indies (UWI) as follows:

- 11th June 2012 - Conceptual Design Presentation
- 27th August 2012 - Schematic Design Presentation
- 28th and 29th November 2012 - Design Development Presentation
- 6th and 7th February 2013 - Medical Equipment Consultation
- 14th November 2013 - Medical Equipment Consultation

Additionally, UDeCOTT addressed concerns raised by The UWI Seismic Research Unit by holding, Seismicity Consultation meetings on:

- August 16th, 2013 - Consultation Meeting was held at Ministry of Housing with representative attendees including: Minister of Health - Dr. the Honourable Fuad Khan, Minister of Housing - Dr. the Honourable Roodal Moonilal and Minister for UDeCOTT, UDeCOTT Executives, Executives of the Shanghai Construction Group (SCG); Earth Investigations Systems Limited (EISL) which conducted a comprehensive Geotechnical Study of the Couva Children's Hospital project site and the UWI Seismic Research Unit.
- September 25th, 2013 - Association of Professional Engineers of Trinidad and Tobago (APETT) hosted UDeCOTT - Presentations were made by UDeCOTT Consultants EISL, Arun Buch Associates Limited and world-renowned HKS Architects who designed the Hospital.

Further, meetings have been held with Statutory Agencies and Utility Companies and are ongoing including: EMA, Town & Country Planning Division (TCPD), Ministry of Works and Infrastructure (MOWI), Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission (T&TEC), Water and Sewage Authority (WASA), National Gas Company (NGC) and Fire Services.

The table provides the status of the requisite approval in respect of the Couva Children's Hospital project:

Regulatory Body	Date Submitted	Reference Number	Details	Status	
				Approved (Y/N)	Approval Date
EMA	29-Mar-12	3444/2012	Certificate of Environmental Clearance	Y	15-Jun-12
TCPD	29-Mar-12	625/12	Outline Approval	Y	24-May-12
	29-Mar-12	626/12	Sub-division Approval	Y	24-May-12
	26-Mar-13	285/13	Final Approval	Y	22-May-13
Fire Services	18-Nov-12	640/12	Conditional Approval	Y	04-Dec-12
WASA	6-Jun-12	237/1111	Outline Approval (Water & Wastewater)	Y	13-Dec-12
MOH - Highways Division	11-Jan-13		Final Approval (Two Lane Access Road)	Y	18-Jan-13
	25-Jul-12		Outline Approval (Highway Access)	Y	07-Sep-12
	06-Aug-12		Final Approval (Highway Access)	Y	07-Sep-12

*Note - there are other approvals not indicated in the table that are being sought from the relevant Authorities and UDeCOTT is awaiting those final approvals.