

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SECURITIES REGULATORY COMMISSION



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Pursuant to Section 163 of the Securities Act 2001 **prohibiting dealing in Securities by Unlicensed Persons**

The Securities Act 2001 which governs the conduct of securities business in the Eastern Caribbean Securities Market (ECSM) prohibits persons from dealing in securities and other related activities unless they are licensed by the Eastern Caribbean Securities Regulatory Commission (ECSRC). All broker dealers, their principals and representatives; limited service broker dealers, their principals and representatives; investment advisers, their principals and representatives and custodians must apply to the ECSRC for licences in accordance with the provisions of the Securities Act.

Any one who engages in securities business without the appropriate licence is liable on conviction before the Magistrate's Court to a fine, term of imprisonment or both such fine and term of imprisonment. Individuals face a maximum fine of \$100,000.00 and imprisonment for up to two years. Companies convicted of similar offences may be fined up to \$200,000.00. In addition, an additional penalty of \$1000.00 may be imposed against the company for each day the offence continues following conviction.

The Securities Act also provides that collective investment schemes such as unit trusts and investment funds must be authorised by the Eastern Caribbean Securities Regulatory Commission. Custodians and management companies of collective investment schemes must also be licensed by the ECSRC. Failure of an individual to obtain the requisite licence attracts a maximum fine of \$100,000.00. In the case of companies the maximum fine which the court may impose is \$200,000.00.

Application forms for the various licences may be obtained from the office of the ECSRC, at the ECCB Financial Complex, Bird Rock, St Kitts. Telephone (869) 465-2537; Fax (869)-466 8954; E-mail eccbsup@caribsurf.com.

All concerned parties are asked to note these requirements and to abide by them.

Dated this ____22____ Day of May 2002

L Mignon Wade (Mrs)
SECRETARY