

PRESS RELEASE – NOVEMBER 6, 2007:

The First Annual GRAVITAS Awards ceremony took place in Washington, DC, on Saturday 20th October at the Sofitel Hotel's Le Lounge. The Award is given to individuals and institutions which the firm deems to have had a significant impact on economic development and the improvement of human lives. This year we have selected 4 recipients who represent a wide array of exceptional achievements and vision.

In attendance at the ceremony and reception were, among others, Mr. Neil Osborn, Vice Chairman and Publisher of Euromoney magazine, Ambassador Robert Pearson (US), Governor Wendy Craigg of the Central Bank of the Bahamas, Lady Gloria and Sir Courtney Blackman, founding Governor of Central Bank of Barbados, Ms. Jane Eddy, Managing Director of Standard & Poors, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kellman CEO of Caribbean Court of Justice Trust Fund, Ms. Ita Mannathoko Senior Advisor to the Board of International Monetary Fund, Mr. Stuart Pearce CEO of the Qatar Financial Center, and Mr. Phillip Norman Rolle, Chairman of the Board of National Bank of Dominica. A total of 70 guests were in attendance.

This year's Awardees:

- The National Insurance Board of Trinidad & Tobago was presented with The GRAVITAS Award for Innovative Thinking Benefiting Pensioners Caribbean wide. Mr. McFarlane, Executive Director, and Mr. Ian Pemberton, Executive Manager – awarded for their leadership in this field.
- The National Bank of Dominica (NBD) was presented with The GRAVITAS Award for Forward Thinking and Banking Innovation in the Caribbean Region. Mr. P. Norman Rolle, Chairman of the Board, and Mr. Gregory de Gannes, Managing Director receiving for NBD
- The Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) was presented The GRAVITAS Award for Deep Commitment to the Advancement of the Caribbean Region. Mr. Desmond Brunton, Vice President for Operations, and Dr. Warren Smith, Director for Banking and Treasury Operations receiving on behalf of CDB.
- Dr. Aziza T. Shad – Chief Pediatric Oncologist at Georgetown University Medical Center was presented with the GRAVITAS Award for Humanitarian Work Benefiting Children Worldwide.

The firm congratulates the 2007 awardees and looks forward to next year's ceremony.

