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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN BARGING FROM BARBADOS BAY, TOBAGO TO TRINIDAD

The Studley Park Enterprise Limited (SPEL) was incorporated in December 2016 as a Special Purposed Company, wholly owned by the Tobago House of Assembly to manage the hard rock quarry at Studley Park Tobago. Quarrying operations commenced at the Studley Park Quarry in 1983 under the direct management of the Division of Infrastructure and Public Utilities on behalf of the THA. After a prolonged period of low and inconsistent production, the decision was taken to restructure the quarry and this culminated in the formation of SPEL.

The aggregate resource in the quarry is volcanic Andesite rock which is unique to the Studley Park Quarry. This rock is found at no other location in the twin-island Republic. The Engineering Properties of this Andesite are superior to aggregate found in Trinidad and also aggregate which previously was being imported from as far away as Newfoundland, Canada. With the anticipated upsurge in Government road constructions projects in 2018, there would be a high demand for aggregate from the Studley Park Quarry. Currently, aggregate from Tobago is barged from the Scarborough Port. Though this port has the advantages of having the infrastructure to handle bulk cargo, it is however plagued by the following disadvantages:

- Long haulage distance approx. 10km
- Heavy traffic and road congestion
- No barge loading or offloading when a cruise liner is in port

Consequently, SPEL must resume barging from the existing jetty at Barbados Bay which would reduce the haulage distance to 1.1 km and significantly increase the throughput of barges loaded with aggregate.

SPEL is hereby seeking Expressions of Interest from suitably qualified agencies to provide barging services for aggregate and armour rock from the existing jetty in Barbados Bay using 2,500 t; 3,000 t and 5,000 t deck barges.

Submissions are hereby invited from suitably qualified local or international firms with local joint venture partnerships to supply the deck barge units to transport 2,500t; 3,000t and 5,000t of aggregate and armour rock from the existing jetty at Barbados Bay to ports in Trinidad.

## **Submissions shall comprise the following:**

- i. Clear description of the Applicant and each joint venture partner, if applicable.
- ii. Evidence of experience in the barge transportation.
- iii. Capability for transporting by barge materials from Barbados Bay, Tobago to several ports in Trinidad.
- iv. Indicative cost structure of the operations.
- v. Financing capability from recognised lending agency.
- vi. Respondent's assessment of the impact and benefits for the barge loading exercise.

In order to demonstrate the applicant's experience under items (i) and (iii) above, the applicant shall provide relevant references of similar magnitude, nature and complexity. The applicant shall submit reference information demonstrating name and location of barging operations, role of the applicant or consortium member in the project, cost and financing structure, level of equity provided etc.

CV's of the lead personnel on the proposed project team are to be submitted, highlighting their relevant industry experience.

## **Contact Information**

The contact data shall include:

\*Applicant Name and Contact Person

\*Address

\*Telephone number

\*Fax number

\*Email address

The contact information will be used for issuing clarifications or addenda concerning this EOI. Applicants are required to confirm receipt of any Email from SPEL – within 48 hours. Potential applicants are required to email their contact data to: [studleyparkenterprise@tha.gov.tt](mailto:studleyparkenterprise@tha.gov.tt)

EOI evaluation would result in a shortlist of contractors who would then be invited to a Request for Proposal (RFP) to carry out the scope of operations. In the case of developers forming a consortium, experience of all consortium members will be taken into account for the evaluation of the Expression of Interest. The Applicant will be responsible for providing sufficient information to allow SPEL to evaluate their submission.

The aforementioned information should be submitted electronically and in two (2) hard copies to the Studley Park Enterprise Limited (SPEL) at the latest 2:00 PM on **30<sup>th</sup> November, 2018** and to be clearly marked:

**“EOI- BARGING FROM BARBADOS BAY, TOBAGO TO TRINIDAD”**, to the following address:

Studley Park Enterprise Limited,  
Windward Road, Studley Park,  
Tobago,  
The Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

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