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THE OPR REITERATES OUR INDEPENDENCE AND NONPARTISANSHIP

The Office of Procurement Regulation (the OPR) wishes to reiterate our independence in the discharge of our duties, and moreover, reassure our stakeholders of our uncompromising, nonpartisan posture as it relates to advertising which may indicate in any way, shape or form, our affiliation with, or endorsement of, specific organisations or individuals.

The public is reminded that the OPR is a body corporate established pursuant to an Act of Parliament, namely the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property Act, 2015 (as amended), which aims to provide for public procurement, and for the retention and disposal of public property ***in accordance with the principles of good governance, namely accountability, integrity, transparency, and value for money.***

Pursuant to Section 13 (2) (b) of the Act, the Office ***“shall not be subject to the direction or control of any other person or authority in the performance of its functions, but shall be accountable to the Parliament.”*** Further, Section 10 (1) of the Act states that the Office ***shall be governed by a Board which shall be appointed by the President after consultation with the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition...”***

As such, the OPR emphatically rejects any claim or inference made by any organisation or person referencing the OPR, which may convey an endorsement or a compromise in our commitment to upholding the tenets of good governance, while executing our mandate **independently.**

Moonilal Lalchan
Chairman/Procurement Regulator
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