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OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT REGULATION STATEMENT REGARDING THE INQUIRY INTO PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES AT THE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (HDC): RFP NO. 050126 – DBF – PORTFOLIO 1

The Office of Procurement Regulation ("the Office") has concluded the inquiry undertaken on its own initiative and a Report detailing its findings has been submitted to the Trinidad and Tobago Housing Development Corporation ("HDC"). The inquiry was conducted in accordance with the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property Act, 2015 (as amended), along with the applicable Regulations, Handbooks and General Guidelines governing public procurement in Trinidad and Tobago.

In carrying out its inquiry, the Office reviewed and assessed the Record of Procurement Proceedings, supporting documentation, explanations and clarifications provided by the HDC, relevant data from the Procurement Depository and other verifiable records available in the public domain.

This assessment detected issues in the interpretation and application of the legislative framework, as well as procedural gaps which gave rise to deficiencies in compliance relative to the public procurement framework. In particular, the Report identified shortcomings in the process used for supplier identification and in the rigour of the due diligence conducted during the pre-qualification and evaluation phases of the procurement process.

The complaints received in relation to the procurement proceedings are being addressed by the Office separately.

The Office notes that the HDC has cancelled the captioned procurement activity by Notice of Cancellation dated June 17, 2026, and affirms that the cancellation is in the public interest.

The Office of Procurement Regulation remains committed to fulfilling its mandate as an independent Regulator, guided by law and the public interest to ensure that the public procurement system operates with integrity, transparency, fairness and accountability and delivers value in the expenditure of public funds. Accordingly, the HDC is required to give due consideration to the findings contained in the Report and to take the corrective, remedial or compliance-related action necessary to ensure that any future procurement activity relating to the subject is conducted in accordance with the legislative framework.

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Chairman/Procurement Regulator
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