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LOCAL REGULATORS STAGE **FREE** PUBLIC AWARENESS EXHIBITION

In what is a first for local regulators, **Saturday 15th March 2008** will not only signal the annual international observance of World Consumer Rights Day, but it will also mark the launch of a free public exhibition fittingly dubbed '**Regulatory Day**'. Eight local regulators have combined forces to stage this inaugural event in an effort to educate and enlighten the public on the role and function of independent regulators and to foster an appreciation of the importance of the regulatory process. The exhibition centers on the theme, "**Regulators: Empowering You and Protecting Your Interests**" and takes place at **The Atrium, Trincity Mall** from **11:00am – 6:00pm**. The day's activities hold the promise of entertainment and gaiety, while ensuring plenty of opportunities to learn about regulation. An informal Regulatory Authorities Partnership was formed with Central Bank of Trinidad & Tobago, Environmental Management Authority, Office of the Ombudsman, Occupational Safety and Health Authority and Agency, Regulated Industries Commission, Securities and Exchange Commission, the Telecommunications Authority of T&T and the Consumer Affairs Division, all participating in this venture.

Independent Regulators differ from other institutions in key areas particularly because regulators have unique responsibilities and since stakeholder involvement is critical to the regulatory process. This all-day awareness-building exhibition with its **hourly** offerings of **Regulator Focus**, its edifying yet rewarding **Learn & Earn** segments, its interactive **Dramatic Presentations**, its **Song & Verse Contest** as well as its top-notch **Soca Entertainers**, is certain to create excitement

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about the regulatory process and stimulate greater involvement on the part of individual stakeholders. It is the desire of the participating regulators, that this initiative raises awareness about the key roles and responsibilities of each body.

Regulatory Day promises to be an educational yet fun-filled day, with visitors having numerous chances to earn free prizes, food hampers and gift bags, with face painting and temporary tattoos being unique features for the children. The participating regulators envisage that this event will set the stage for what will become an eagerly anticipated annual event.

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