Hon. Dickon Mitchell

Prime Minister of Grenada and

Minister for Finance

Minister for National Security, Home Affairs, Public Administration, Information and Disaster Management

Ministerial Complex 6th Floor,

Sir Eric M. Gairy Botanical Gardens

Tanteen, St. George's

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Dear Prime Minister:

1Skip formed the Grenadian National Export Traceability Technology, Inc. (GNExTT) in 2020 along with the Gouyave Fishermen Cooperative Association (GCFA) as a public/private partnership under a build, own, operate and transfer (BOOT) contract. We are very excited about this project and the success we have achieved for Gouyave in such a short time frame. 1Skip and the GCFA have invested over **$1.7 million XCD** in the development of a tuna processing plant in Gouyave. In our first 14 months of production, GNExTT’s revenues are nearly **$11 million XCD** with **$7 million XCD** since January. Over the next two years, we anticipate revenues will increase 30%, or **$15 million XCD/year**. That is a phenomenal success for any start up business.

GNExTT’s success is underpinned by the market access granted by having the fishery in first privately owned tuna Fishery Improvement Project (FIPs) in the Caribbean. FIPs bring market access and premium prices by improving sustainability and human rights protections. Without engagement with the government, however, that FIP is under threat.

This last week, it came to my attention that Grenada has again missed The International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) catch reporting deadline. This means that at the end of the year Grenada will be placed on the US Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fisheries list due to failure to report to ICCAT for 3 years. As soon as that designation is made, the US can ban imports from Grenada for being on this list (as happened, briefly, this past winter). The US may instead begin bilateral meetings encouraging Grenada to meet their obligations to ICCAT. If Grenada doesn't commence their engagement with ICCAT and begin timely data reporting, among other items, Grenada will face trade sanctions from the US. 1Skip and GNExTT are poised to assist Grenada in meeting their ICCAT obligations and we seek engagement with the government to do so. ICCAT will soon assign country level quotas for yellowfin tuna and Grenada will fare far better in the allocations if they are not on the blacklist.

I will be visiting Grenada to continue our investment in Gouyave by delivering a brand new, 4-ton ice machine for the GFCA’s property. My visit has not been scheduled due to logistical issues but will likely occur in the first three weeks of August. I would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you during my visit. My business partner in 1Skip, Keith Flett, has already reached out to Minister of Agriculture, Sen. Adriaan Thomas and he visited GNExTT together with the British ambassador earlier on this year.

Sincerely,

Brad Gentner

President

1Skip Fishery Development & Grenadian National Export Traceability Technology, Inc.