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Dr. Carson Charles  
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National Infrastructure Development Company Limited  
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Dear Dr. Charles,

**Re - The Debe-Mon Desir Link of the San Fernando-Point Fortin Highway**

Once again, the disputed Debe-Mon Desir highway link has become a matter of heated public debate, and it is our respectful view that the Public Interest now requires a decisive intervention to move this matter towards resolution. The Report of the HRC, now known as '*The Armstrong Report*', contained ten recommendations in relation to the disputed link and there is no clear position at this stage as to the Government's treatment of the Armstrong Report.

Given that over 18 months have now elapsed since publication of '*The Armstrong Report*', the JCC's view is that the Review process commenced in December 2012 can only be completed if the public is briefed as to the specific steps taken in relation to its recommendations

It is our considered opinion that the Public Interest would be best served by a formal, clear statement issued by NIDCO as the State's implementing Agency for this project, at the earliest opportunity, to specify what were the steps taken in relation to each recommendation of the '*The Armstrong Report*'. Such a statement would inform the public as to which recommendations (if any) were accepted and on what terms (if any); which were rejected and for what reasons; which are the subject of further consideration/examination, with details of those further studies; and finally, of course, which ones may have been 'embargoed' for decision pending the results of litigation.

We trust that our proposal would be given due consideration and would close by confirming our willingness to meet at short notice if requested.

Yours sincerely,

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**President**