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Appointments to the Cayman Islands Anti-Corruption Commission

Her Excellency the Governor, Helen Kilpatrick, CB, is pleased to announce the appointments of Richard Coles, W. Norman Bodden, OBE, Sophia Harris, Kadi Pentney, and Timothy Ridley, OBE to the Anti-Corruption Commission (“the ACC”).

The terms of appointment began 15 August 2016 and run for staggered terms of between two and three years.

Established by the Schedule of the Anti-Corruption Law 2014 Revision (“the Law”), the ACC takes responsibility for the administration of the Law and has broad reaching powers, to investigate reports of corruption, liaise with overseas anti-corruption authorities, and obtain Court Orders to freeze the assets of those suspected of committing corruption offences.

“The ACC has an exceptionally important role to play in the Cayman Islands’ commitment to combat and deter corruption” said Governor Kilpatrick. “The members of the ACC work diligently to enhance and promote the accountability of all public officials. I am honoured to be able to appoint these persons in this capacity” she continued.

Notes for Editors:

Richard Coles is an experienced lawyer both in England and in the Cayman Islands, being a Solicitor admitted in England and Wales, a Cayman Islands Attorney-at-law and former Attorney General for the Cayman Islands. He is a member of the Law Society of

England, the Caymanian Bar Association, the Commonwealth Lawyers Association, the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, a Fellow of the Caribbean Law Institute and the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies in London. Mr. Coles also has the distinction of being a Freeman of the City of London. He has previously served as Chairman of the Human Rights Commission, Deputy Chairman of the Civil Service Appeals Commission, member of the Judicial and Legal Services Commission, and Chairman of Cayman Finance.

Mr. Coles was appointed as Chairman on 15 August 2016 for a two year term.

W. Norman Bodden, OBE is the current Managing Director of Bodden Corporate Services and a Director of Bodden & Bodden, Attorneys at Law. A successful Caymanian businessman and politician during his twelve years tenure as a Member of the Legislative Assembly, W Norman Bodden was responsible for amongst other statutes, introducing and guiding the Labour Law 1987 through the Legislative Assembly. He was also a member of the Cayman Islands Government during the 1984 to 1992 period that witnessed many useful and successful amendments to the Companies Law of the Cayman Islands for the international business community. Among his many professional achievements Mr Bodden was Managing Director of Cayman Airways from 1968 to 1980, a Member of the Immigration Board 1972 to 1978, Chairman of the Immigration Board 1978 to 1979, an Elected Member of the Legislative Assembly 1980 to 1992, Managing Director of Cayman Travel Services 1980 to 1998, a Member of the Cayman Islands Executive Council responsible for Tourism, Aviation & Trade 1984 to 1992. Mr. Bodden was appointed as Deputy Chairman to the Cayman Airways Board of Directors in 2013. He was awarded the Order of the British Empire (OBE) medal and is an appointed Notary Public and Justice of the Peace since 1989.

Mr. Bodden was appointed as a Member on 15 August 2016 for a two year term.

Sophia-Ann Harris (nee Solomon) is the founder of the law firm Solomon Harris. She is a council member of the Cayman Islands Law Society and the Caymanian Bar Association. Mrs. Harris' specialties include banking, investment funds, corporate and commercial law, trusts, immigration and all aspects of local licensing law. She is a past Chairman of the Immigration Appeals Tribunal and past Chairwoman of the Board of Directors of Butterfield Bank (Cayman) Ltd. Mrs. Harris is a Past President of the Chamber of Commerce and during her term with the Chamber she has addressed the United Nations on a number of occasions including the United Nations General Assembly on constitutional matters for the Cayman Islands.

Mrs. Harris was appointed as a Member on 15 August 2016 for a three year term.

Kadi Pentney (nee Merren), graduated from Triple C High School in 2004 and went on to earn a Master's degree in Accounting and Taxation from Florida Gulf Coast University in 2008. Mrs. Pentney is a Certified Public Accountant and was a Manager at

PwC until April 2015 when she left to become a full-time mother. From 2008-2015, Mrs. Pentney was an Advisor for PwC's Junior Achievement, and joined the Board in 2015. Mrs. Pentney is a Past President of the Kiwanis Club of Grand Cayman and is also a co-owner of Tea Time in Cayman. In 2014, Mrs. Pentney was awarded the Young Caymanian Leadership Award and in 2015, joined the YCLA Board.

Mrs. Pentney was appointed as a Member on 15 August 2016 for a three year term.

Timothy Ridley, OBE is a graduate of Cambridge University (BA) and Harvard Law School (LLM), qualified as a solicitor in England and is an attorney-at-law in the Cayman Islands. For many years, he was a senior partner of the leading Cayman Islands law firm Maples and Calder and from 1995 until 2000 headed up the firm's Asia practice in Hong Kong. Mr. Ridley has wide regulatory and governance experience, having served on the Boards of the Cayman Islands Health Services Commission (2002-2005) and the Cayman Islands Monetary Authority (2002-2008, Chairman 2004-2008). He has also served on various consultative committees that advise the Cayman Islands Government on matters relating to the financial services and local industries. He writes and speaks widely on Cayman Islands legal, financial and regulatory issues, is a member of numerous international professional associations and has served on the editorial boards of leading publications, including the Harvard International Law Journal. Mr. Ridley was made an Officer of the British Empire (OBE) in 1996 in recognition for his services to the financial services industry and the local community.

Mr. Ridley was appointed as a Member on 15 August 2016 for a two year term.