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CIG Approaches Cruise Lines to Begin Formal Cruise Berthing Talks

Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands (31 January, 2014) The Cayman Islands Government is inviting each of the major cruise lines, as the prime users, to engage in bilateral discussions regarding the development of the proposed George Town cruise berthing facility.

The move follows Cabinet's approval of the Outline Business Case in December, following public consultation.

"Government has approached the FCCA and cruise lines as they will be the prime users of the berthing facility, and it is important that any specific user requirements they might have are determined early on in the process," stated Hon. Moses Kirkconnell, Minister of Tourism. "Once this has been accomplished, we will then look at the best ways to incorporate those needs, while ensuring value-for-money for the Cayman Islands."

Development of the much anticipated berthing facility is following an open, transparent and competitive process as required by the Framework for Fiscal Responsibility (FFR) and is keeping to an aggressive timeline. The Ministry of Tourism, which is overseeing development of the berthing facility, has also issued the Request for Proposals (RFP) to identify environmental & engineering consultants to prepare the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). These responses are due back by 5 February.

Government's intention is to carry out the EIA during 2014, and the environmental report which results will establish the requirements and parameters for bidders' proposals for the berthing piers. It is proposed that the EIA process, the discussions with the cruise line users and the subsequent procurement process will all proceed during 2014.

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