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Scotiabank Celebrates Small Business Week in TCI

Providenciales, TCI – From September 23-27, 2013, Scotiabank (Turks and Caicos Islands) Limited will be celebrating Small Business Week. The Branches will be focusing on entrepreneurs with a series of activities which include a branch open house with complimentary resources for small businesses, small business customer displays in all three branches and a client appreciation event.

"At Scotiabank, we know the valuable contribution of small business owners to the growth of the Turks and Caicos Economy. We are excited to see the large amount of entrepreneurs who seize the opportunity daily to invest in their dreams and put their plans into action. I am particularly proud of the young professionals who are investing in entrepreneurship and taking on the challenge of starting their own business in this market," said Cecil Arnold, Managing Director of Scotiabank Turks and Caicos.

Scotiabank will be looking to launch a new product during our Celebration of Small Business week which will cater to that segment of the market, providing them with lower loan rates and attractive terms as we recognize that they are generally lower risk and have the potential for even greater earning power explained Mr. Arnold.

Speaking about the work that Scotiabank has invested in developing the technical capacity of its clients, Scotiabank Small Business Banking Manager, Mr. Jerelle Laporte said "We are committed to helping entrepreneurs achieve their financial goals, offering relevant advice; services and tools that will help them start and grow their small business. We believe that financial literacy and business planning and knowledge are vital to our client's business success."

As part of the Small Business Week, the Scotiabank Turks and Caicos Virgin Islands team will be promoting the services of its small business clients through in branch displays all week, as well as an hosting an open house where persons interested in starting a business or expanding their operations can visit our small business representatives to talk about the best opportunities to get their company off the ground. The team will also be providing tips and technical advice on how to better manage their businesses into successful enterprises.

Scotiabank works with business owners all over the Caribbean to provide insights and tools to help entrepreneurs confidently manage their business at every stage.

For more information on Small Business Banking and Small Business Week please visit: turksandcaicos.scotiabank.com. Find Scotiabank Turks and Caicos Islands on Facebook by searching <u>www.facebook.com/Scotiabank</u>TC.

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