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Anthony Bryan to chair the Barbados Medicinal Cannabis Licensing Authority Board

November 9, 2020, Bridgetown, Barbados – The Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security is pleased to announce that Mr. Anthony Bryan has been appointed the Chair of the Barbados Medicinal Cannabis Licensing Board (BMCLB). The BMCLB has been established to govern the Barbados Medicinal Cannabis Licensing Authority (BMCLA), both of which were established via *the Barbados Medicinal Cannabis Industry Act, 2019*.

As Chair, Mr. Bryan, who is a Business Development Manager with more than 20 years' experience in competitive sales and marketing in the pharmaceutical industry, locally and regionally, will lead the policy and strategic direction as well as the governance of the BMCLA.

"I'm honoured to serve as the BMCLB's new Chair," said Bryan. "I also look forward to working with BMCLA's very talented leadership team to position the statutory enterprise for long-term, industry-leading profitable growth. Based on the Barbados Medicinal Cannabis Industry Act, 2019 and its accompanied Medicinal Cannabis Regulations, 2020, we are in a great position to win in the emerging global cannabis market. As we do so, we will be diligent in our commitment to ensuring that the BMCLA meet or exceed best practices."

Mr. Bryan has deep functional expertise, skills, and technical knowledge in pharmacology and medical sales. He's worked extensively in the pharmaceutical industry, and in all sized environments, which will be critical for the new medicinal industry as it nurtures in business to add strategic capital needed to fund growth objectives.

The other members who make up the new multisector BMCLB, includes the appointment of Banker, Glyne Harrison, Sociologist, Dr. Alana Griffith, Queen Asheba Avril Hinkson-Trotman and Lorenzo Harewood, both with agricultural backgrounds, Anaesthesiologist and Intensivist Dr. Adrian Waterman, Clergy (retired) Reverend. Dr. Gerald Seale, Youth Representative, Stacy Medford, and representing the Ministry of Health and Wellness, Dr. Anton Best.

Bryan added, "Our new Board members are well-suited to support management, oversee corporate governance, and add shareholder value. We are fortunate to have them to help lead us forward."

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About the Barbados Medicinal Cannabis Licensing Authority:

The BMCLA, which was established via the *Barbados Medicinal Cannabis Industry Act, 2019*, regulates the handling of the medicinal cannabis industry. The BMCLA is responsible for developing policies, procedures and guidelines to establish the medicinal cannabis industry and to ensure the medicinal cannabis is available to patients in a safe and efficient manner.

The BMCLA is responsible for the issuance of licences for cultivation, processing, distribution, sale, transportation, import and export, laboratory as well as the research and development of cannabis for medical, scientific and therapeutic purposes.

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