<u>Invitation of Foreign Investors for the Development of</u> <u>Commercial Farms in Trinidad</u>

Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources, Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (GORTT) has invited foreign investors for the development of commercial farm programme.

Under the programme, seven agricultural farms ranging in land sizes from 100-300 acres will be established at specially designated locations in Trinidad using finance, develop, operate and manage investment model. The operations of the farms are intended to expand domestic production of fruits, vegetables, legumes/pulses, root crops, tree corps, rice, livestock and aquaculture. The farms are to be operated on a commercial basis and are expected to employ appropriate modern farm management techniques; new technologies and best practices in agriculture and value chain agro – processing.

This initiative is integral to the GORTT's strategy for promoting greater food and nutrition security for Trinidad and Tobago, stimulating investment in new agrofood processing industries and generating new sources of foreign exchange earnings for the country.

Interested investors are required to submit a business plan in response to the RFP. The deadline for receipt of investment proposals is 3.00 p.m. on Thursday, June 18th 2009. Proposals should be sent to:

Secretary, Tenders Committee Rural Development Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited Caroni Limited Central Office Factory Road, Brechin Castle, Couva, Trinidad and Tobago Tel: (868) 636-5484/8308 Fax: (868) 679-3296 E-mail: pierrec@ruraldev.co.tt

Additional copies of the RFP document can be downloaded, at no cost, from the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources, GORTT website: http://www.agriculture.gov.tt

Please note that all further enquiries and request for information regarding the RFP should be directed to Mr. Anthony Bartholomew Interim Programme Coordinator Commercial Farms, Ministry of Agriculture, Lands and Marine Resources GORTT at <u>abartholomew@malmr.gov.tt</u>