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***A Statement by:
Roy A. Hastick, Sr., President/CEO
On the severe earthquake in Haiti
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CACCI Appeals For Emergency Assistance For Haiti

The Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (CACCI) in New York, its board of directors and partners wish to express our deepest condolences to the people of Haiti, to all Haitian Americans and Haitians in the Caribbean Community and in the Diaspora on the devastation, deaths and destruction which occurred yesterday in Haiti.

Preliminary reports from the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Relief Agency (CDERA) indicate that there has been significant damage. Two hospitals in Port-au-Prince have suffered major damage. Water, electricity and telephone services have been disrupted. CDERA has advised that discussions are on-going with Jamaica as the Focal Point for Sub-Region on coordination options. Countries in the Sub-region and other States in the Caribbean have already expressed their desire to provide support for Haiti.

Haiti's Ambassador to the U.S. ***Raymond Alcide Joseph*** has called for "all friends of Haiti and people who are listening to me to please come to our aid." He also told the media: "Today as Haiti is going through the worst day in its history I am calling for all others who got help from us in the beginning to help in support," Joseph said.

Here in the United States, The Obama administration is spearheading a "swift, coordinated and aggressive" effort of emergency assistance for Haiti. In addition, New York State, New York City and Borough elected officials are already assessing

the damage and the emergency assistance that is needed. In partnership with its members, corporate partners in academic, medical, religious institutions, and many Haitian American and other Caribbean American organizations, the Caribbean missions and consulates, CACCI will continue to respond swiftly and work together for a coordinated emergency relief and a rapid response.

In the meantime, CACCI has identified the ***Flatbush Caton Market*** to serve as a drop off point for ***bottled water, emergency medical supplies and non perishable foods***. The Market is located at 814 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. (Corner of Caton Avenue).

For further information on CACCI's emergency relief effort for Haiti contact:

CACCI Tel.: (718) 834-4544. www.CaribbeanTradeCenter.com

Flatbush Caton Market: www.flatbushcatonmarket.com

And for information on CACCI's Annual MLK Power Breakfast Meeting this

Friday at 9:00 a.m., contact CACCI: Tel.: (718) 834-4544.

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