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July 7, 2009

Ms. Mary Toy
Placencia Citizens for Sustainable Development
c/o General Mail
Placencia Village,
Stann Creek District

Dear Ms. Toy:

The Department of Environment acknowledges receipt of a correspondence dated July 6, 2009 inquiring about various projects, and on the status of the development at Rendezvous Caye.

Firstly, on May 6, 2009 personnel from the Department of Environment and the Geology and Petroleum Department conducted an inspection at Rendezvous Caye, to investigate reports of non-compliance with the Environmental Compliance Plan. On June 1, 2009 the Department wrote to the proprietors of Rendezvous Island Limited to inform them of the findings and had requested that certain information be submitted to the Department.

The Department is not aware of any proposal for the construction of a casino or golf course. However, it is in receipt of an Environmental Impact Assessment for Placencia Marina being proposed by Placencia Marina Limited, a copy can be viewed at the Department's website: <http://www.doe.gov.bz/documents/EIA/Placencia%20Marina.pdf>.

Additionally, in reference to the "international airport", Environmental Clearance was granted for the North Placencia Airport Development after the signing of an Environmental Compliance Plan on May 7, 2009. The clearance was for the construction of an asphalted runway measuring 5000 feet, 75 feet in width with an 80 ft asphalted shoulder (40 feet on each side). A copy of the ECP and the Environmental Clearance is herein attached.

Lastly, the Department has just become aware of the Franklin Pointe development, thus this project has not obtained Environmental Clearance as such, the Department will be investigating this matter.

The Department once again thanks you for your kind attention.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Alegria', written over a horizontal line.

Martin Alegria
Chief Environmental Officer
Department of the Environment