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**TTSEC hosts Inaugural Industry Dialogue Series and Recognises  
New Virtual Asset Service Providers**

**Port of Spain** - The Trinidad and Tobago Securities and Exchange Commission (TTSEC) hosted its inaugural Industry Dialogue Series under the theme “**Strengthening Regulatory Engagement for Virtual Assets and Virtual Asset Service Providers (VASPs) in Trinidad and Tobago.**” The event which took a hybrid format, was livestreamed from the Commission’s Headquarters on Wrightson Road, Port of Spain from 10:30 am.

The event marked a significant milestone in Trinidad and Tobago’s financial regulatory environment following the proclamation of legislation governing virtual assets and VASPs, and brought together regulators, law enforcement officials, financial sector representatives, industry stakeholders, to discuss the evolving virtual asset landscape.

Delivering opening remarks, Chief Executive Officer, **Mr. Kester Guy**, emphasised the importance of proactive engagement among regulators, industry participants, and enforcement agencies as the virtual asset ecosystem continues to evolve. According to Mr. Guy, “Virtual assets are no longer theoretical. Digital finance is no longer emerging. The market has already moved. The question for regulators and industry is whether we move with discipline, credibility, and clarity”. He also stated that TTSEC intends to be proactive in that process and not reactive and cautioned that the strength and sustainability of the virtual asset ecosystem will ultimately depend on the standards adopted by those operating within it. He encouraged market participants that they must not view compliance as a procedural exercise because compliance is foundational to trust. In closing, Mr. Guy assured that “If we get this right, we will not only strengthen investor protection and market integrity, but also position Trinidad and Tobago as a credible and competitive participant within the evolving global financial system”.

As part of the day’s proceedings, the TTSEC also hosted a formal Certificate Handover Ceremony recognising registered Virtual Asset Service Providers operating within Trinidad and Tobago’s regulatory framework. Certificates were presented to representatives of:

- **All Your IT Innovations Ltd.**
- **Avocado Technologies Ltd.**
- **Cryptt.IO Trinidad and Tobago Limited**
- **Shine Technologies Limited**
- **Bitzup Exchange Limited**
- **Zazen Technology Limited**
- **Quantum Chaos Ltd.**
- **Innotech Labs Ltd.**

The Dialogue featured presentations from key regulatory and enforcement authorities, including:

- **Ms. Nadira Rahamatula**, Manager, AML Unit, Financial Institutions Supervision Department, Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago, who addressed the current risk landscape surrounding virtual assets;
- **Ms. Rosalind King**, Director, Compliance and Inspections at the TTSEC, who provided a technical overview of the legislative and regulatory framework for VASPs;
- **Mr. Nigel Stoddard**, Director of the Financial Intelligence Unit of Trinidad and Tobago, who examined reporting frameworks for suspicious activities in the virtual asset sector; and
- **Sgt. Marvin Walker**, Senior Supervisory Analyst/Examiner, Cyber & Social Media Unit of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service, who discussed law enforcement approaches and emerging challenges in the crypto sector.

The session underscored the Commission's commitment to strengthening regulatory oversight, aligning with international standards, promoting transparency and accountability; and encouraging innovation within a secure and well-governed framework. During the session, an interactive question-and-answer panel discussion took place, involving in-person and virtual participants. It also highlighted several key themes including the importance of strong compliance and reporting mechanisms, inter-agency collaboration, and continued stakeholder engagement, to support effective regulation of the virtual asset sector.

The Commission noted that the recognition of the VASPs represents an important step toward fostering a transparent, compliant, and internationally aligned digital financial ecosystem in Trinidad and Tobago. The Commission also expressed appreciation to its presenters, participants, regulatory partners, industry representatives, and media stakeholders for contributing to the success of the inaugural dialogue series and reaffirmed its commitment to continued collaboration and engagement, as the virtual assets sector develops.

**SEE ACCOMPANYING PHOTOS.**

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