

First Citizens Investment Services Limited ("FCIS") Acquires 5% Stake in Barita Investments Limited

Barita Investments Limited (the "Company") advised that, following the closing of its Additional Public Offer, First Citizens Investments Services Limited ("FCIS"), a fully owned subsidiary of First Citizens Bank Limited ("FCB"), now owns 5% of the shareholding of the Company.

FCIS is a registered securities broker-dealer in the countries in which it operates, namely, Trinidad & Tobago, St. Lucia, Barbados and St. Vincent and Grenadines. FCIS, with total assets under management of approximately US\$3.2 billion, which includes both proprietary and client assets, offers investment management products and services to its customers.

FCB is a publicly traded company on the Trinidad and Tobago Stock Exchange with just over US\$6 billion in assets and equity of over US\$1 billion. FCB has an Investment Grade credit rating of BBB- by Standard & Poor's.