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**RETIREMENT & RESIGNATION OF DIRECTOR**

This serves to advise that yesterday, January 26, 2021, I formally retired from the financial industry and Board of Barita Investments Limited (the "Company" or "Barita"), effective January 27, 2021 and have accordingly submitted my letter of retirement and resignation to the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Company.

After almost five (5) decades of being part of the financial services sector I have decided to retire from the industry and my post as a Director on the Board of Barita for succession planning and personal reasons. I am very proud of how the firm that I founded in 1977 has grown from a small stockbrokerage outfit to a large full-service investment bank. My primary motivation for starting this business was to change the lives of ordinary Jamaicans through helping them attain and grow wealth. I am satisfied that through years of prudent management and a customer focused mantra, I have been able to positively impact the lives of my customers, staff, shareholders, and the wider society.

In 2018, when I entrusted the reins of Barita to Paul Simpson and the folks at Cornerstone, I promised them that I would remain onboard to guide them for six (6) months to help with the transition. When I decided to hand the baton to Paul, he personally assured me that Cornerstone would do everything to protect and advance my legacy. After more than two (2) years of Barita being under Cornerstone's leadership, I am very happy, comfortable, and proud that I have been succeeded at the helm of the Company by a very astute and competent team. This most recent chapter of Barita's journey has been marked by unparalleled growth & innovation without compromise to the founding principle of 'Making Money Work' for our clients.

I am confident that the current team will remain good stewards and continue to write the legacy of Barita into the future. I am encouraged that the firm, Jamaica, and the region are in good hands under the oversight of this new generation of leadership.

Yours sincerely,



RITA HUMPHRIES-LEWIN

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