Helping Cayman Rebuild

Deloitte pledges US\$250K

to Cayman Islands National Recovery Fund



Mr. Ian Wight, Managing Partner, H.E. The Governor Mr. Bruce Dinwiddy and Mrs. Angela Martins confer about the Fund's Pledge Campaign. Also pictured in back row are (I-r) Mark Rutkowski, Patricia Parchment, Melissa Bernard, Taron Jackman, and Simon Watson.

Fund's effort to raise funds locally has received a significant boost, with the signing of an agreement with Deloitte whereby the company and its employees have pledged a monthly sum to the Fund over the next two years.

Over the period, the staff and partners of Deloitte will contribute US\$250,000 to Cayman's recovery efforts, or over \$10,000 monthly.

Deloitte's agreement makes it the first company to subscribe to the National Recovery Fund's Pledge campaign, one of several ways in which the Fund has sought to raise money and other assistance for its projects. These efforts have included appeals for cash donations, building materials, volunteers and adopting a home for repairs.

Chairman of the National Recovery Fund's Board of Trustee's His Excellency the Governor, Mr. Bruce Dinwiddy praised Deloitte's contribution and its support of the recovery efforts. "The Fund is delighted that the staff and partners of Deloitte have jump started the Pledge campaign. The significance of their contribution is recognised and greatly appreciated by all trustees," the Governor stated.

Deloitte's payments to the Fund will commence on 1st July. A significant proportion of Deloitte's staff have signed on to participate and

most of the firm's management team are involved.

"The staff and partners of Deloitte are proud to launch the Deloitte Recovery Pledge. This staff-driven effort is being supported by the Deloitte partners, who have joined forces with the Cayman Islands National Recovery Fund, to help make a difference in the recovery effort of our islands," stated Mr. Ian Wight, Managing Partner

"It is a strong testament to the integrity and strength of our staff that they have looked beyond their own personal adversity to help those less fortunate in our community. It is our hope that our initiative will motivate other firms to not only make provisions for their own staff, but to look at the bigger picture and see what difference they can make in the life of one family, or an entire community," he added.

For some staff members, the opportunity to participate was a welcome one.

"Contributing to the National

Recovery Fund was an easy decision to make. Cayman is my home and I feel it is my responsibility and obligation to assist in any way possible in the recovery and rebuilding of the island after hurricane Ivan," said Rosie Mayer, Financial Advisory Services Manager.

Noting that she has no construction skills to contribute, Ms. Mayer said: "Being able to make a monthly pledge allowed me the opportunity to support the hard work and efforts of the National Recovery

Lucinda Duval, Deloitte's Senior Professional Manager for Development was also enthusiastic about supporting the Fund. "This is a way for me support my fellow Caymanians in their time of need. It is very encouraging to see the community pull together to help each

Deloitte's monthly contribution will go towards one household or one project per month and staff will be provided with reports from the Fund.

Last month Deloitte supported the Recovery Fund's Dress Down Day initiative to raise funds for its housing assistance programme. Staff of Deloitte proudly donned Fund t-shirts which were sold as part of the fundraising effort.

Progress Report

National Recovery Fund at Work Following hurricane Ivan, the Recovery embarked on a programme of housing assistance to persons whose residences were severely affected. The Fund has been particularly focused on families who were uninsured, those with young children, elderly and infirmed residents.

The Fund has set a priority of repairing over 500 homes. Already more than 225 have been repaired or are under construction.

