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Frederick Bernard's sixteen years of professional experience extends both regionally and internationally. He was a Manager in Risk Advisory Services at Ernst & Young Canada during the period 2004 – 2006, where he performed extensive work with Sarbanes-Oxley Compliance documentation. Frederick has a wealth of experience with Risk Assessments as he has reviewed Risk Assessment strategies for several organizations within the manufacturing, retailing and financial institution sectors in relation to their internal control assessments and fraud management strategies.

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Timur Gök is on the faculty of the Department of Finance at Northern Illinois University where he teaches courses in corporate finance, international finance and business economics in the undergraduate, the MBA and the Executive MBA programs. Before joining NIU, he was Director, Domestic Finance at Deere & Company and prior to Deere, he was Assistant Treasurer at AT&T Capital Corporation.

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John Palmer has over 30 years of progressive professional experience in the financial service industry in the United States and internationally. He has served the industry with a consulting firm, and with the “Big Four” over the last 22 years in the United States. During his tenure at a “Big Four” firm, John was a Director in the Office of the General Counsel, provided accounting and auditing advice to in-house and outside counsel.

He has four years experience as General Auditor for a \$5 billion publicly traded banking institution. In addition he managed the internal compliance monitoring function for the Bank. He is a CPA and Chartered Accountant - member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

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Andrea St. Rose has over 20 years experience in the accounting profession and has provided consultations on a wide spectrum of business advisory assignments. A former Senior Manager at PricewaterhouseCoopers, Kingston, Jamaica and later Director at PricewaterhouseCoopers, Saint Lucia, Andrea has delivered assurance and business advisory services to companies across a wide spectrum of industries.

Andrea is a Director for a number of companies incorporated in Saint Lucia and serves on the Audit Committees of two large Saint Lucian entities. She is currently the Vice President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of the Eastern Caribbean (Saint Lucia branch). She has delivered a number of presentations on IFRS and has provided IFRS opinions to a number of companies operating in Saint Lucia.

In addition to being a Chartered Accountant, Andrea holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Wolverhampton, U.K. She is also a Chartered Corporate Secretary, a Certified Fraud Examiner and holds a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Wales, U.K.

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Eric Vincent-Guichard is Managing Director and Chief Investment Officer of GRAVITAS Capital. As CIO, he advises about \$1.5 billion in global and sovereign institutional assets. He also heads the Sovereign Solutions Practice which includes innovative macro solutions such as the Sovereign Debt Redemption Fund, Ltd. and the Pension Support Fund, Ltd. In addition, he has initiated and manages innovative Absolute Return Products such as the Global Opportunity Fund, Ltd and the Tactical Allocation Fund, LLC. He has 4 financial “patents pending” with the US Patent & Trade Office.

Prior to 1996, Eric was Investment Officer at the World Bank Treasury department, managing an aggregate of US\$8 billion in Bank multi-currency liquidity. He was also tasked with the delivery of the Department’s Financial Technical Assistance activities, serving 72 sovereign and multilateral institutions worldwide.

A graduate of Ecole Nationale Supérieure Universitaire de Technologie of Dakar, Sénégal and of the Harvard Business School where he earned his MBA (World Bank Scholar and Harvard Fellowship recipient), he is a member of the Bretton Woods Committee – an economic development think tank based in Washington, DC. He is also a member of the World Bank’s Africa Department’s “Brain Trust” on harnessing remittances for economic development, and a member of the Washington Association of Money Managers.

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Brenda Williams has twenty one years audit experience in London and Saint Lucia. As a partner in the Saint Lucia office of Chase, Skeete & Boland (a member firm of Pannell Kerr Forster), she is responsible for Taxation and Entrepreneurial Services. She also has responsibility for the administration and human resource management of the firm which includes recruitment, formal and on-the-job training, and counseling. Her audit experience has covered a wide section of industries including tourism, insurance, finance, retail, statutory bodies and funding agencies.

Mrs. Williams has served on several boards in Saint Lucia, including: Radio Saint Lucia; The Public Service Reform Commission; and the Board of Governors of Sir Arthur Lewis Community College. She has also been appointed by the Governor General to the Government Salary Review Commission for parliamentarians and top civil servants.

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