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### FTC Hosts Virtual Stakeholder Meeting with Corporate Counsel

The Fair Trading Commission (“the Commission”) hosted a Virtual Stakeholder Meeting with Corporate Counsel on May 22nd 2024.

The Commission’s Executive Director, Mr. Bevan Narinesingh in his opening remarks highlighted that a major part of the Commission’s advocacy efforts continues to be directed to supporting Competition compliance and emphasized the pivotal role that a vibrant legal profession plays in upholding and advancing the principles of Competition Policy within Trinidad and Tobago.

More specifically, Mr. Narinesingh underlined the necessity for Corporate Counsel to consistently monitor the impact and effectiveness of decisions and the reassessment of policies in response to any developments and challenges to competition compliance with respect to their clients.

The Commission’s Senior Legal Counsel, Ms. Krystle Maharaj then delivered a thorough presentation that included an overview of the work of the Commission, important considerations for Corporate Counsel with an emphasis on anti-competitive offences and the need to ensure compliance with the provisions in the Fair Trading Act. There was also a Call to Action that included due diligence tips particularly with regard to Mergers.

In Mr. Narinesingh’s closing remarks, he re-emphasized the critical role of Corporate Counsel in interpreting and applying the Fair Trading Act and the importance of continued collaboration with the Commission.

Stakeholders in attendance included representatives from M. Hamel-Smith & Co., Pollonais, Blanc, de la Bastide and Jacelon, Fitzwilliam, Stone, Furness-Smith & Morgan and Johnson, Camacho & Singh.

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