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## **CARIBBEAN ACCOUNTING & TAX CONSULTANTS N.V. APPOINTS NEW GENERAL DIRECTOR OLIVIER DE JONG**

15 OCTOBER 2015, ORANJESTAD, ARUBA – Caribbean Accounting & Tax Consultants is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Olivier de Jong as the firm's new general director.

Mr. de Jong will be responsible for overseeing, implementing, and maintaining a system of internal controls that will ensure that the company's objectives are adequately represented and managed. In addition to his management duties, Mr. de Jong will be responsible among other things for the structuring of the overall organization, establishment of policies and procedures, management of financial systems and budgets. All this with the aim of raising the overall value of the firm's output.

More importantly, Mr. de Jong will also undertake the task of establishing audit services for CATC. CATC is a first-class provider of accounting, tax, legal, compliance and advisory services to small and medium sized enterprises in Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao. With this, CATC will be suited to offer clients the means of evaluating the effectiveness of their company's internal controls. Maintaining an effective system of internal controls is vital for achieving a company's business objectives, obtaining reliable financial reporting on its operations, preventing fraud and misuse of its assets; in addition to minimizing its cost of capital.

Mr. de Jong has amassed considerable knowledge and experience during his impressive career, which he will apply to his position as the general director of CATC. He has more than 20 years of international experience in starting, building growing, and improving the profitability, performance, and value of many companies. He has been described as a transformational and operationally-oriented leader with strong business and financial acumen, high-caliber general management qualifications, and exceptional capabilities in anticipating and proactively resolving issues. He also possesses the abilities to identify strategies, streamline and improve productivity, efficiency, and the effectiveness of organizations.

His professional experience extends from Belgium, to Curacao, The Netherlands, Asia, United States of America, and even a previous term in Aruba. Besides impressively restructuring a Belgium real estate investment portfolio, Mr. de Jong has also undertaken positions as a Managing Director, Partner, Chief Accounting Officer, Operational Manager of Accounting, Senior Operational Coordinator, Chief Financial Officer, and a leading Project Manager, throughout his extensive career.



He holds an Executive MBA in leadership and sustainability from the University of Cumbria (UK), a Master's in Management from the University of Utrecht, and a Master's in Law from the University of Nijmegen. He also holds a Bachelors in Economics & Accounting and certifications as a Forensic Financial Analyst, Fraud Deterrence Analyst, and Accountant.

Actively involved in bringing about order and structure to the world of finance, Mr. de Jong is and has been affiliated to the Trajectum International Education Foundation in Maastricht, the Aruba Financial Center Association, a member in good standing of The Netherlands Institute of Chartered Accountants. In addition, he has had the honor of acting as a Lecturer of Banking and Finance at British University Vietnam, an adjunct professor in Business Economics at Versalius College in Brussels and more.

CATC is committed to continuing the development of the firm by improving on current service offerings and expanding the scope to fulfill the needs of its clients. Managing Director, Mr. Reint Roossien states, "Taking advantage of opportunities for improvement has become increasingly important to CATC. Our collective aim involves leveraging our strengths and taking these to another level that allows us to offer an improved level of services to our clients. We are thankful to have Mr. de Jong on board and look forward to what he will add to our already remarkable team."

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