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The ECSE announces Director Accreditation Programme

The Eastern Caribbean Securities Exchange Limited (ECSE), in continuation of its efforts to promote good corporate governance standards, announces an advanced director training course, the Directors' Education and Accreditation Programme (DEAP). The DEAP is being offered in collaboration with the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators/Chartered Secretaries Canada (ICSA/CSC).

The DEAP is designed by the ICSA, the leading international governance organization with over 72,000 members and students worldwide, in partnership with the law firm of Borden Ladner Gervais, and with contribution from Aon Canada. The program is also recognized and supported by a number of international institutions such as the TSX (the Toronto Stock Exchange), TSX Venture, the Institute for Governance, and the Canadian Coalition for Good Governance. It is being offered in the Caribbean in conjunction with the ECSE and with the recognition and support of the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB), and the Caribbean Corporate Governance Forum (CCGF).

The programme will focus on three broad areas, i) Governance, ii) Financial Reporting & Disclosure and iii) Strategy & Risk Management. In addition to better equipping candidates for their critically important positions as directors, the program will lead to a designation of Accredited Director, an internationally recognized accreditation that signals a commitment to professionalism and excellence in this role. It will also lead to Affiliate Membership of ICSA Canada.

The programme will be hosted in St Kitts-Nevis and St Lucia during June 2007. Registration to the programme is open to all directors and corporate secretaries of public and private companies as well as public sector corporations. CEOs, legal and accounting professionals and other corporate advisers as well as persons aspiring to directorships are also invited to participate.

Further details on the DEAP can be obtained by contacting the ECSE.