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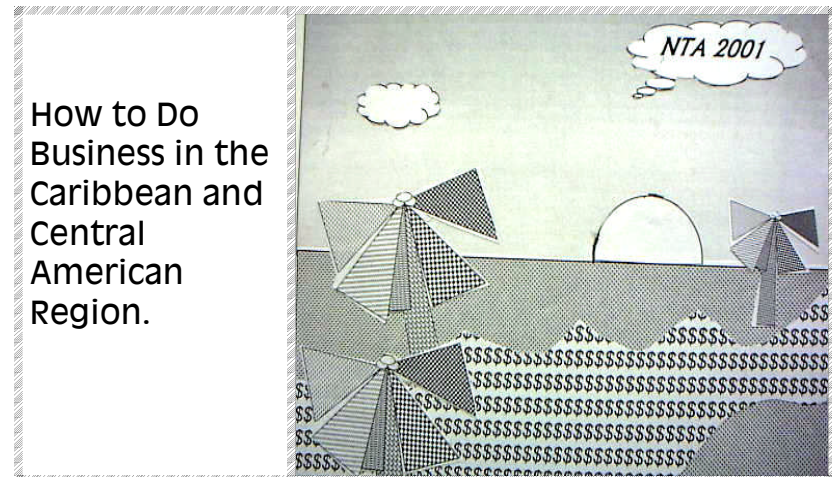
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NOTES

WELCOME

WELCOME TO THE 147TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NORTHERN TEXTILE ASSOCIATION. Our theme, ***How to Do Business in the Caribbean and Central American Region***, could not be more timely, on this, the one-year anniversary of the Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act.

The U.S. Customs Service, Department of Commerce, and other bodies are still dealing with the implementation of the CBTPA. The new rules regarding textile and apparel trade between the U.S. and our neighbors in the Caribbean region present very real opportunities for American textile mills who understand the rules and are prepared to partner with Latin American garment manufacturers. We have with us representatives from the apparel industries in four of the CBTPA beneficiary countries, as well as speakers to address the legal and financial issues of CBTPA.

NTA felt it was important to continue with this meeting in spite of the barbaric events of September 11<sup>th</sup>. In this vein, NTA, along with the entire American textile industry, has written to the President of the United States pledging our support for our nation's efforts to fight back against those who have attacked us.

I thank all the members of NTA for their support of the Association, especially those in attendance at this meeting.

*Jonathan Hurstfield-Meyer, Chairman*

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(PAULWELL, continued)

His philosophy is to be a positive agent of change in the interest of the development of Jamaica and its people through hard work and integrity.

**ARTURO PEGUERO,**

Advisor of the presidency and project development coordinator of Grupo M, S.A., one of the largest textile and apparel sewing companies in Latin America.

From 1986 to 1996 Mr. Peguero was a partner in Ecocaribe, S.A. and DASA, S.A. two of the leading business consulting firms in the Dominican Republic heading the area on foreign investment projects oriented to light manufacturing in the free zone.

Prior to this position Mr. Peguero was Deputy Minister for the Industry and Commerce Ministry, Executive Director of the National Council of Free Zone and Minister Counselor of the Dominican Republic Embassy in Washington DC.

Mr. Peguero is a member of the Central America and Caribbean Textile and Apparel Council and the Dominican Association of Free Zone, participating actively with the lobbying effort for the implementation of the CBI partnership Act.2000 and the Free Trade Agreements between Central America and the Caribbean with the Dominican Republic.

SPEAKERS

**W. LEWIS TABB, III, CIT**

Group, Senior Vice President Business Development Commercial Services. Mr. Tabb began his career in 1973 with Southeastern Financial in Charlotte as a business development trainee. Shortly after Barclays Commercial Corporation acquired Southeast Financial.

The CIT Group acquired Barclays Commercial Corporation and Mr. Tabb took on the responsibility of integrating CIT's and Barclays' business development.

CIT Commercial Services is the nation's leading provider of credit protection and accounts receivable outsourcing services with over \$25 billion in annual factored volume. Additional services include working capital and term loans, letter of credit programs, bulk portfolio receivable purchases and accounts receivable bookkeeping and collection services. CIT Group is the financial services subsidiary of Tyco International Ltd.

A resident of Charlotte, NC, Mr. Tabb earned a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Davidson College in Davidson, NC and a Masters of Business Administration from University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC. He also volunteers for Habitat for Humanity.

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 Sunday, September 30, 2001

REGISTRATION, RECEPTION, AND DINNER

- 12:00 noon.....**Registration** ..... Pompano Room
- 3:00 p.m. .... **NTA Board Meeting** ..... Silver Sand Dollar Room  
 Invitees Only Please  
 Presiding: JONATHAN HURSTFIELD-MEYER, NTA  
 Chairman; President, Cleyn & Tinker, Inc.
- 6:00 p.m. .... **Welcoming Cocktail Reception** ..... Ballroom 1  
 Hosted by NTA Associate & Supporting Members
- 7:00 p.m. .... **Dinner & Dancing** ..... Ballroom 1

Monday, October 1, 2001

MORNING PROGRAM

- 6:30 – 9:30 a.m. **Breakfast Buffet** ..... Sea Foam Room
- 7:30 a.m ..... **Wool Council Meeting** ..... Tarpon Room  
 Presiding: MERRITT LORING, Dorr Woolen Company

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SPEAKERS

(FRANSEN, continued)

Mr. Fransen was invited to the White House in 1983 and privileged to meet President Ronald Reagan and George Shultz at the State Department

Mr. Fransen lives in San Pedro Sula, Honduras with his wife Karen.

**QAIZAR HASSONJEE**,  
 The Dupont Company, Director of Global Sourcing for DuPont Apparel & Textile Sciences.

He joined DuPont in 1990 as a field engineer and has held various positions in Technical R&D & End Use Research. He was transferred into Sales & Marketing as Account manager responsible for yarn spinners, fabric mills and verticals in Southeast US. In 1999 he was promoted to Technical Marketing director – Lycra® N. America. In January 2001, he assumed his current position.

Mr. Hassonjee was born in India in 1961 and graduated from L.I.T., Nagpur, India with B.Tech in Chemical Engineering in 1982. He holds a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering from City College of New York. He also received his MBA from University of Delaware. He and his wife, Farzana live in Chadds Ford, PA, and have two sons – Murtaza and Taher.

SPEAKERS

HON. MIN. PHILLIP PAULWELL,  
 Minister of Industry, Commerce and Technology, Member of Parliament for East Kingston and Port Royal.

Prior to this appointment, Minister Paulwell served as Senator and Minister of State in the then Ministry of Industry, Investment and Commerce with responsibility for Commerce and Consumer Protection. Among his major achievements as Junior Minister were: strengthening consumer advocacy and protection; harmonizing relationships and activities within the distributive trade; and initiation of legislation to enhance the work of the Fair Trading Commission, the Registrar of Companies and the Consumer Affairs Commission. Minister Paulwell brings to the legislative process over six years service in the public sector. He served as Legal Officer in the Jamaica Commodity Trading Company Ltd. He also served as Legal Adviser to the JCTC and was the staff representative on the Board of Directors.

He was appointed Managing Director/Trade Administrator for the Trade Board. Mr. Paulwell was the first Executive Director of the newly established Fair Trading Commission. He is an attorney-at-law. He also holds a Certificate in Legal Education.

An Anglican, Minister Paulwell was recently married and has a daughter.

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**JONATHAN FEE** is a partner in the Atlanta office of the law firm of Grunfeld, Desiderio, Lebowitz, Silverman & Klestadt LLP. The firm is engaged exclusively in the practice of customs and international trade law and has offices in New York, Atlanta, Boston, Los Angeles, and Washington, D.C. Mr. Fee holds a J.D. from Emory Law School and a B.S. in Economics from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

Prior to joining GDL&S, Mr. Fee was Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel of Oxford Industries, Inc., an Atlanta-based Fortune 500 apparel company. Mr. Fee works on rulings, protests, audits, seizures, penalties, duty drawback claims, NAFTA, CBI, CBTPA, AGOA, and other duty preference programs, and general Customs compliance matters for importers in several industries, including apparel and textile machinery. He also represents brokers, forwarders, and carriers in Customs and FMC matters.

He is a frequent speaker on Customs law topics for several trade associations and other organizations.

Mr. Fee is a licensed Customs broker. He has served as Chairman of the Legal Committee of the American Apparel Manufacturers Association and as a director and president of the board of the Atlanta Legal Aid Society.

SPEAKERS

**HENRY FRANSEN, JR.**, Executive Director of the Honduran Apparel Association since 1997. As the Executive Director, Mr. Fransen devotes much of his time promoting investment in Honduras.

His recent talks in 2001 include Fashion Institute of Technology in New York, American Apparel Producers Network in New Orleans, and Sewn Products & Equipment Suppliers of the Americas in Ft. Myers.

Before joining the apparel industry, Mr. Fransen founded FIAH (Foundation of Agricultural Investigation of Honduras) in 1976.

Mr. Fransen has been recently named to the International Advisory Group of WRAP (Worldwide Responsible Apparel Production).

Currently, Mr. Fransen serves as a Board member (Treasurer) of the U.S. Cultural Center in San Pedro Sula. He is also a Board Member (Treasurer) of Vida Nueva Foundation, a housing project for the poor.

He served as a Member (Treasurer) of the Chamber of Commerce of San Pedro Sula from 1986-1992. He served as President of the Northern Honduran-American Chamber of Commerce, 1984-1990.

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8:30 a.m. ....**Annual Business Meeting** ..... Ballroom 2  
Presiding: JONATHAN HURSTFIELD-MEYER

9:00 a.m. ....**Speaking Program** ..... Ballroom 2

HOW TO DO BUSINESS IN THE CARIBBEAN  
AND CENTRAL AMERICAN REGION

***Growing Together***

HON. MINISTER PHILLIP PAULWELL  
Jamaica Minister of Commerce and Technology

***Global Sourcing Dynamics & Impact on CBI***

QAISAR HASSONJEE  
The Dupont Company

***The Dominican Republic:  
Facing the Global Challenge***

ARTURO PEQUERO  
Grupo, M; Dominican Association of Free Zone

***Update on CBTPA Problems and Issues***

JONATHAN FEE, ESQ., Grunfeld, Desiderio,  
Lebelwitz, Silverman and Klestadt

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SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

11:30 a.m. .... **Lunch** ..... Golf Shop

12:00 p.m. .... **Historic St. Augustine Tour**  
 Leaves from Convention Center 12:30 p.m.

The tour of St. Augustine includes Magnolia Street, considered to be one of the top ten most beautiful streets in the nation, the famed Fountain of Youth, Mission of Nombre de Dios, and Castillo de San Marcos, the famous fort built of coquina nestled on Matanzas Bay, the Flagler Memorial Presbyterian Church, and the Ponce de Leon Hotel/Flagler College which houses windows that are original designs by Louis Comfort Tiffany.

**Box lunch will be provided.** The Bus will return to Ponte Vedra Inn by 5:00 p.m.

12:30 p.m. .... **Fishing Trip** ..... Convention Center

Fishing on the Inland Waterway and local rivers. **Box lunch included.**

1:00 p.m. .... **Golf Tournament** ..... Ocean Course

Golfers will enjoy the challenging Ocean Course designed by Herbert Bertram Strong. You will be greeted by a par 72, 6,574-yard course with meandering lagoons and elevated Bermuda Greens. -- *Tim O'Mara*, Golf Chairman

**Box lunches will be ready for golfers at the pro shop.**

6:00 p.m. .... **Cocktail Reception** ..... Surf Club Terrace

7:00 p.m. .... **Awards Dinner** ..... Surf Club Terrace

**Casual attire** is appropriate for the **Monday Dinner**

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 Tuesday, October 2, 2001

6:30 a.m. .... **Breakfast Buffet** ..... Sea Foam Room

7:30 a.m. .... **Warp Knit Division Mtg** ..... Silver Sand Dollar Room  
 Open to Warp Knit and NEMA, associate and supporting members. Presiding: JAMES ROBBINS, CMI Industries, Inc.

9:00 a.m. .... **Speaking Program** ..... Ballroom 2

HOW TO DO BUSINESS IN THE CARIBBEAN  
 AND CENTRAL AMERICAN REGION

Moderator: JONATHAN STEVENS  
 President, Ames Textile Corp.

***The Apparel Industry in Honduras***  
 HENRY FRANSEN, JR., Executive Director  
 Honduras Apparel Manufacturers Association

***Overview of Guatemala Textile  
 and Apparel Manufacturing***

CARLA CABALLEROS  
 Guatemala Apparel & Textile Exporters

***Doing Business in The CBTPA;  
 Opportunity? Pitfalls? Problems?***

W. LEWIS TABB, III  
 The CIT Group/Commercial Services

11:00 a.m. .... Checkout

12 Noon. .... Lunch and Evaluations ..... Golf Shop