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PRIME MINISTER

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EXEMPTED BUSINESSES AND UNDERTAKINGS

Pursuant to Order 5 (1) (m) of the Emergency Powers (Covid 19)(No. 2) Order, 2020 I HEREBY exempt the following businesses or undertakings from the provisions of Order 5 -

ELECTRONIC AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

- (1) Two Way Radio Communications system providers;
- (2) Electronic communications or Technology service providers and IT support businesses;

shall be allowed to operate during the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or when needed in an emergency PROVIDED THAT the above entities shall not be open to the general public, but shall provide business to business support to its various clients remotely or on call, as may be required. All protocols stipulated in the Order, including physical distancing, are to be maintained;

(3) Businesses engaged in the repair and maintenance or the provisioning of ATM machines. All protocols stipulated in the Order, including physical distancing, are to be maintained.

FARMING, HORTICULTURE, AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES RESOURCE

- (4) Farms including hydroponic farms with or without live animals may operate during the hours between 6:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. but shall not be open to the general public;
- (5) Animal husbandry feeding and tending livestock for human consumption may operate during the hours between 6:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. but shall not be open to the general public;
- (6) Nassau Humane Society;
- (7) Humane Society of Grand Bahama;
- (8) Veterinarians may operate on call and as needed to service their clients and only open the office on an emergency basis;

- (9) National Park wardens on call and only when they may be needed;
- (10) Fishing:
 - (a) Subsistence Fishing during daylight hours and not later than 8 p.m.;
 - (b) Commercial fishing until the 1st April, 2020. All product must be taken directly to a processing plant and may only be sold to a Wholesale distributor, and not to the general public.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

- (11) Lawyers while discharging instructions of existing criminal matters or taking instructions in new criminal matters; only where this cannot be done by audio-visual means with the assistance of the Department of Corrections;
- (12) Any businesses that provide property management and/or maintenance services, not involving dealings with the general public may operate PROVIDED THAT the above businesses shall not be open to the general public. All protocols stipulated in the Order, including physical distancing are to be maintained.

TRAVEL SERVICES

(13) Rental car businesses may be open to the general public during the hours of 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. to allow only for the return of car rentals and the extension of any rental contracts that may be required in light of the Order.

OTHER SERVICES

- Groceries and non-alcoholic beverages mobile delivery service may operate during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All protocols stipulated in the Order and physical distancing requirements are to be maintained;
- (15) Business to Business Suppliers of cleaning chemicals may operate during the hours of 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. PROVIDED THAT such entities shall be closed to the general public;
- (16) Janitorial and similar services supplied to Businesses may operate during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to ensure that other businesses are sanitized and cleaned, as may be essential to its clients;
- (17) Pool maintenance and supplies businesses may operate during the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or any lesser period as may be determined by such business. All protocols stipulated in the Order, including physical distancing are to be maintained;
- (18) Funeral homes and all public and private cemeteries. All protocols stipulated in the Order, including physical distancing are to be maintained.

INDUSTRIAL MANUFACTURERS

The following industrial manufacturers are permitted to open but only to maintain industrial equipment, and utilizing only essential workers:

- (19) Polymers International Ltd.;
- (20) Grand Bahama Power Company;
- (21) Bradford Grand Bahama Limited;
- (22) PharmaChem Technologies G.B. Ltd.;
- (23) Freeport Container Port Ltd, as already provided in Order 16(2)(c);
- (24) Bahama Rock- Martin Marietta;
- (25) Buckeye Bahamas Hub Ltd;
- (26) Grand Bahama Shipyard Ltd., (including the take away food service Antoni's located on the premises);
- (27) Bahamas Industrial Technologies Ltd.;
- (28) Bahamian Brewery;
- (29) Freeport Aggregates Limited;
- (30) Quality Services Limited.

PERSONAL SERVICES

(31) Non-Profit Organizations, Churches and Civic Organizations, utilizing only essential persons, who provide food packages to persons in need. The said entities may operate during the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. All protocols stipulated in the Order, including physical distancing are to be maintained.

DIPLOMATIC COOPERATION

- (32) AUTEC Naval Base, OPBAT, Customs and Border Protection:
- (33) Consular Officers, Diplomatic Security Agents, Embassy and Security Personnel may operate during the hours of 9am to 5pm or in an emergency, with the permission of the Commissioner of Police.

SECURITY SERVICES

In addition to and without derogating from any that are listed in the Order, the following security related services are permitted to operate as contemplated under Order 16(2)(g):

- (34) Jacks Bay Development Ltd., may continue to operate to provide its in-house security;
- (35) Commonwealth Brewery may continue to operate only as needed to permit its security manager and other in house security personnel to secure sites and respond to any emergency as needed.

Where possible, only essential workers necessary for the performance of the core functions of the businesses itemized above are to be utilized, while adhering at all times to physical distancing requirements specified in the Order.

Entities listed herein shall seek approval from the Commissioner of Police, if and as required, pursuant to Order 2 and 13.

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