

## Government of Dominica Supports Eco-Lodge Project Proposed by Distinguished International Hotels, Residences and Resorts

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Distinguished International(R) Hotels, Residences and Resorts is pleased to announce that it has reached an agreement with the Carib Council to develop the first ever Eco-Lodge Resort and Conference Centre in the Carib Territory of Dominica.

The designated site for this private-public partnership between Distinguished International(R), the Carib Council and the Government of Dominica with continuing support from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Kalinago people, will be the Carib Model Village next to 'Morne Diablotins' National Park and Central Forest Reserve.

The multi-phased project with construction scheduled for 2009, will feature 100 villas, cottages and tree-house suites, a 3000-square feet conference centre, dining facilities, spa services, and river-fed natural pools throughout the site. Solar heating and indigenous building materials will be incorporated into the construction of the resort to provide optimum protection and respect for the territory and its inhabitants.

The resort will be promoted as an upscale luxury eco-adventure/eco-tourism destination, all tours, excursions and activities will be entirely mandated to the local Kalinago people.

In a press conference held in the Carib Territory, United States Ambassador to Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean, Her Excellency Mary Martin Ourisman gave her full support to the project, adding 'I am confident that this landmark investment will act as a catalyst to bring many more productive new businesses and investments and new economic opportunities to this region here in the Carib Territory.'

'We want an environmentally friendly, economically feasible, fantastic resort with all the required amenities to meet the demands of the high end travelling market today,' explains Danny Hanley, Founder, Investor Relations & Acquisitions for Distinguished International(R).



Senator Louis Patrick Hill, Ambassador Mary Martin Ourisman, Danny Hanley

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Also in attendance were Senator Louis Patrick Hill, Dr. Charles Corbette, Development Officer, Ministry of Carib Affairs, Carib Chief, Mr. Charles Williams and Mr. Kevin Dangleben, Founding Member, Kalinago Heritage Society.

The Carib Territory is located on the north east coast of Dominica, with a land mass of about 3700 acres and a population of some 3500 persons.

### **About Distinguished International(R) Hotels, Residences and Resorts, LLC**

Headquartered out of Rockville, Maryland - Distinguished International (R)Hotels, Residences and Resorts was founded in 2007 by William F. Burruss and Daniel D. Hanley. The Distinguished International(R) brand was formed to develop, manage or market to the North American market, independent and privately owned boutique-style hotels, resorts and residences, offering exceptional first class service and a complete range of upscale amenities with the highest of standards. The Distinguished(R) portfolio collection features stately country homes from the English countryside, private Caribbean island estates, European castles and sophisticated inns, and internationally renowned four season resorts.

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