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### **RE: Investigation into Stanhope Investments Ltd and James Ibori**

Reference is made to the above matter.

According to a request from the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) in UK, an investigation into money laundering offences and other offences has been instituted against James Onanefe IBORI and persons associated with him since April 2005. The investigation relates to the dishonest obtaining and transfer of monies from accounts held or controlled by the suspects in Nigeria and in other countries, including the Republic of Seychelles. There are reasonable grounds to believe that the transfers relate to the laundering of the proceeds of criminal conduct by Ibori and his associates.

The Attorney General's Chambers is involved with this matter in its role as the Central Authority under the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act.

Please note that requisite court orders are being sought in anticipation of the arrival of the CPS officers investigating the matter. Prior to that time kindly provide this Chambers, by end of this week, with details and all duly certified documents to do with the registration and operation of Stanhope Investments Ltd, its bank accounts (including joint bank accounts.), safety deposit boxes, and the identification of its directors, shareholders and beneficial owners. In addition, please provide details of who gave instructions regarding the registration of Stanhope Investments Ltd and its operation.

Finally be advised that representatives of Mossack Fonseca & Co. (Seychelles) Ltd may be required to provide written statements and testify in court as part of the investigations.

We trust in your utmost assistance in the above matter, pending completion of the investigations.

Sincerely,

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**FOR: ATTORNEY GENERAL**