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MINISTRY OF FINANCE
49 Main & Urquhart Streets,
Georgetown,
Guyana.

June 28, 2016

Ms. Sophie Makonnen
Country Representative Guyana
Inter-American Development Bank
47 High Street
Kingston,
Georgetown.

Dear Ms. Makonnen,

Re: Request for Technical Assistance to Strengthen the Capacity of the Ministry of Business

As you may know, the Government of Guyana is working towards promoting export diversification by strengthening the National Quality Infrastructure. The Government of Guyana is currently collaborating with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) to prepare a loan operation, *GY-L1059: Enhancing the National Quality Infrastructure for economic Diversification and Trade Promotion* which is scheduled for approval in 2016. In this regard, key activities in this proposed Operation are the creation of a "State of the Art Laboratory", upgrade of the network of laboratories and the design and implementation of an export and investment promotion strategy.

As part of the activities geared toward strengthening the Ministry of Business' capacity for carrying out informed decision making in the above mentioned areas, and in line with the preparation activities of the programme, we are requesting technical assistance in the following areas:

1. Developing an information system for the network of laboratories, including the "State of the Art Laboratory."
2. Data gathering capabilities on exporters needs on quality and standards; and
3. Information dissemination, awareness and capacity building among stakeholders.

Due to the time sensitive nature of these activities, we request that this Technical Cooperation be executed directly by the Bank, working in collaboration with the Bureau of Standards and the Ministry of Business.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Winston Jordan".

Winston Jordan
Minister of Finance