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Inland Revenue Department Online Tax System Training in Soufriere

Castries, February 19, 2014; As part of the mandate to continue to improve the level of service to its customers and to improve the ease of doing business in Saint Lucia, the Inland Revenue Department (IRD) through the Electronic Government Regional Integration Project (EGRIP) embarked on a major undertaking “**Tax E-Filing System**” which began in 2013.

Deputy Comptroller of the Inland Revenue Department, Ms Adria Sonson, explained that this new system will allow businesses and individuals to perform the following tasks:

- E-Registration (individuals and businesses would be able to register online and obtain a Tax identification number)
- E-Filing (e.g. filing of their monthly and annual Tax returns online)
- E-Payments (payments of taxes online through the use of credit/debit cards or direct transfers)

The IRD remains committed to improving service delivery to all as we embark on Phase 2 of training on how to use the Tax Electronic Filing System. A wide cross section of the business community in the South are being trained to ensure their readiness.

The Training is being held at the Soufriere Community Access Centre and is being facilitated by staff of the IRD.

The overall objectives of the training are to;

1. Introduce the functionalities and features of the Tax Electronic Filing System

2. Empower users with the skills to effectively use the system
3. Explain the advantages and benefits of the system.

To date the Department has used a phased approach to rolling out the system. Already, we have begun accepting declarations for the following tax types:

- Personal Income Tax
- Value Added Tax

Ms Sonson further stated that the IRD's IT Team will implement the other tax types with a target date of 2016, where registration, declarations and payments of all tax types administered by the IRD will be supported by the Tax Electronic Filing System.

We invite the public to visit the website www.efiling.govt.lc to register and make their declarations online.

The IRD looks forward to providing this 24 hour online Tax System with tax Registration, Declarations and Payments being conducted from any remote location. No longer will taxpayers need to come into any of the Inland Revenue locations to conduct these activities.

Comptroller, Inland Revenue Department