

**NEWS RELEASE:**

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**STATEMENT FROM THE INTEGRITY COMMISSION OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO**

The Integrity Commission of Trinidad and Tobago wishes to advise that in accordance with correspondence received from the Ministry of Finance dated May 19th 2009, Mr. Brian Manning was made a member of the Board of the National Infrastructure Development Company Limited (NIDCO) as at April 30th 2009.

All Persons in Public Life appointed to State Boards are notified by the Integrity Commission of their obligation to file declarations in accordance with the Integrity in Public Life Act (IPLA), Sections 11(1) and 14(1).

Consistent with this process and using the official channel of communication, the Commission issued a letter addressed to Mr. Manning in the care of NIDCO, outlining requirements under the IPLA and his obligations to file a declaration for 2008. This letter was signed as received on September 8th 2009 at NIDCO. No response was received from Mr. Manning.

Consequent upon the expiration for filing of declaration forms in relation to 2008, the Commission issued a "Failure to File" letter to the declarant at NIDCO via registered mail in April, 2010. This "failure to file" a Declaration for 2008 was subsequently published in the daily newspapers and in the Trinidad and Tobago Gazette. No response was received at that time, either from Mr. Manning or NIDCO.

The Commission issued further "Failure to File" letters for 2009 and 2010 and, as required under the Integrity in Public Life Act, published the declarant for failing to file declarations in the daily newspapers during November and on December 4th 2012.

The Integrity Commission was informed by E-mail dated December 4th 2012 from NIDCO that Mr. Manning did not take up his appointment to serve as a Director of NIDCO in 2009. NIDCO also stated that they had so advised us by an E-mail in February, 2012. Such information had never been received by the Commission.