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INAUGURATION CEREMONY Corozal Wholesale Farmer's Market

The General Public and in particular the media houses are hereby informed of the inauguration ceremony for the Corozal Wholesale Farmer's Market, on the 1st December 2017 at 9:30 a.m. in Corozal Town.

The construction of the Corozal Wholesale Farmer's Market is valued at \$384,032.00 and was financed by the European Union through funds from the Accompanying Measures for Sugar (AMS) 2013 programme.

Two objectives of the Sugar Adaptation Strategy under the AMS 2013 are to foster diversification of the agricultural production base in the Orange Walk and Corozal districts, and to minimize the overall macroeconomic impacts on the communities of the Orange Walk and Corozal districts that result from reductions in the guaranteed prices for Belize's sugar exports and competition in a more liberalized market.

The newly-constructed market will offer adequate facilities for the vendors and will therefore improve and enhance the economy and quality of life. The building presents the vendors with a sheltered structure and amenities, serving as a center where farmers can take their produce for sale.

Minister of Agriculture, Honorable Godwin Hulse; Minister of Labour, Local Government, Rural Development, Public Service, Energy & Public Utilities, Honorable Hugo Patt; Mayor of Corozal Town, Mr. Hilberto Campos; Chief Executive Officer in the Ministry of Economic Development and National Authorizing Officer, Mrs. Yvonne Hyde; along with Nicolaus Hansmann representing Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Belize, Ambassador Malgorzata Wasilewska will officiate at the function. Representatives of Contracting firm, Teichroeb & Sons Ltd. as well as other senior public officials will also participate in the inauguration ceremony.

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