HARLEQUIN HOTELS & RESORTS

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A Statement from Dave Ames

As you know, there has been an increase in activity of people trying to undermine the success of Buccament Bay Resort in St Vincent & the Grenadines.

It is clear that the perpetrators behind a lot of this information are associated with a company called ICE Group, which was based in Barbados and ran by Paudie O'Halloran.

It appears now that O'Halloran is spreading malicious lies and feeding them through members of Government and Opposition Ministers. What most people don't know is that when O'Halloran left the country a number of years ago, he owed the Barbados Government over BDS 1 million and the Government of St Vincent over ECD 2 million.

It is obvious that the reason why he is spreading these lies and trying to undermine the success of Harlequin's resorts in the Caribbean is because it is the only way he can defend himself against the court cases that have been brought against him in St Vincent, Barbados and Ireland. It should be remembered that freezing orders on his assets are still in place in St Vincent and Barbados.

It is clear that with these cases and others being brought against him, and with him owing so many people so much money throughout the Caribbean, he will find it very difficult to return to the Caribbean as the damage he has done to the region will surely ensure the Governments will take action to protect the interests of their people.

Regards,

Dave Ames Chairman