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## Salt Cay development concerns allayed

Owing to the recent disquiet by residents on the island of Salt Cay, with regards to the impending development on that island, Premier and Minister for Tourism, Hon. Dr. Michael Misick, along with Ministers of Government and Mr. Stefan Kral, Project Manager of the Salt Cay Development Company, visited the island on Thursday June 27th to allay the concerns of Salt Cay residents.

At the meeting, which took place at the Salt Shed, residents were brought together to hear for themselves, aspects of the project and question any concern that they may have. There, they were privy to a draft of the project and all that it entailed. The project, which is to be low density, will see being built a 75 villa resort, that will include a golf course, marina and harbour, along new renovations for the world's first green island.

In remarks, Premier Missick said: "Since we have been in power, we have promised to empower the people of the Turks and Caicos Islands one person at a time and one island at a time". Hon. Misick also reaffirmed that the fact that his government has made a commitment to the social and economic development for the people of the Turks and Caicos Islands.

What is more, the resort will be constructed on the Northern side of the island and will have public beach access in six different locations; ensuing those residents can access the beach on that side of the island.

The 18-hole golf course will be one of the main attractions in addition to the resort. This too will also be located on the Northern side of the island; however, more inland. The project manager Mr. Stefan Kral said that the golf course will not need destroy the natural land state of Salt Cay. He said the reason they chose that location was because the land is laid out perfectly and it will not need to be bulldozed or damaged.



*This map of the new Salt Cay development shows the new 18-hole golf course and marina that will be built*

The marina will be placed to South Eastern side of the island and will not interfere with the traditional look of Salt Cay. The developer said that they would build the marina to fit the original architecture that is on Victoria road, so it will maintain the personality and integrity that makes Salt Cay so special.

The harbour, which will be a three million dollar project, will be used to accommodate larger boats. This includes a brand new dock that will be use to bring more goods and services to the people of Salt Cay.

Also, there will be new renovation to the port in

Salt Cay for the local fishermen, as the Premier Missick noted that the dock and port are the top priority in phase one for the development in Salt Cay.

Attending this meeting were Deputy Premier and Minister for Finance, Hon. Floyd Hall; Hon. McAllister Hanchell, Minister of Natural Resources; Hon. Jeffery Hall, Minister of Works; along with Mr. Wesley Clerveaux, Director of the DECR, Miss. Arabella Smith, Press Secretary to the Premier and senior policy advisor; Mr. Devereaux Malcolm, Advisor to the Minister of Education; and Mr. Clyde Robinson, Director of Planning.