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Eastern Caribbean Telecommunications Authority (ECTEL)

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ECTEL Youth Symposium and Awards Ceremony in St. Vincent and the Grenadines

Castries, Saint Lucia, August 9th, 2010 - The Eastern Caribbean Telecommunications Authority (ECTEL) will host a national youth symposium on Information and Communications Technologies (ICT) in St. Vincent and the Grenadines on August 11th 2010, as part of the year-long programme of activities to mark the 10th anniversary of the establishment of ECTEL.

The symposium is designed to familiarize young people with a wide range of issues related to the potentials and pitfalls of the new ICT landscape. Over fifty people are expected to attend and they will be drawn from the membership of the National Youth Council and other communities throughout the island. Minister responsible for ICT and Telecommunications Hon. Jerrol Thompson is scheduled to address the participants. Other presenters will include young entrepreneurs who have been successfully using ICTs as the platforms for business ventures. The symposium will be held at the National Insurance Conference Centre from 9.00 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.

ECTEL will also hold the fifty-second meeting of the Board of Directors in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. This meeting will be held at the National Insurance conference centre on Thursday 12th August and is scheduled to commence at 9.00 a.m.

As part of the anniversary 10th anniversary activities, an awards ceremony is scheduled for

the evening of August 11th 2010 at the official residence of the Governor General. At this ceremony, ECTEL will recognize the sterling contribution of nationals of St. Vincent and the Grenadines to the establishment and operation of the regulatory authority. The Governor General, His Excellency Sir Frederick Ballantyne of St. Vincent and the Grenadines will present the awards.

The Eastern Caribbean Telecommunications Authority was established by a treaty, among five states, which was signed in Grenada on May 04th 2000, and regulates the telecommunications sector in the Member States of Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

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