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NORTH AMBERGRIS CAYE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

25 of 1991.

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PART I

Preliminary

1. This Act may be cited as the North Ambergris Caye Development Corporation Act.

Short title.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,

Interpretation.

“Board” means the Board of Directors of the Corporation established under section 5 of this Act;

“Chairperson” means the Chairperson of the Board of Directors appointed under section 5 of this Act;

“Corporation” means the North Ambergris Caye Development Corporation established under section 3 of this Act;

“financial year”, in relation to the Corporation, means the period of twelve months ending on the 31st day of March inclusive;

“functions” include powers and duties;

“General Manager” means the person holding the office of General Manager pursuant to section 21 of this Act;

“Minister” means the Minister for the time being charged with the responsibility for Finance;

“North Ambergris Caye” means the area described in the Schedule hereto, or such other area as the Minister may from time to time prescribe by Order published in the *Gazette*;

“shareholder” means a shareholder in the Corporation.

PART II

Establishment, Objects and Functions of the Corporation

Establishment of North Ambergris Caye Development Corporation.

3.-(1) There is hereby established a body to be called the North Ambergris Caye Development Corporation which shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal with power to purchase, take, hold and dispose of land and other property of whatever kind, to enter into contracts, to sue and be sued in the said name and to do all things necessary for the purposes of this Act.

(2) The seal of the Corporation shall be affixed to any instrument in the presence of the Chairperson, but shall not be so affixed except by the authority of a resolution of the Board, and shall be authenticated by the joint signatures of one director of the Corporation and of the General Manager.

(3) The seal of the Corporation shall be kept in the custody of the General Manager.

(4) Every document purporting to be an instrument issued by the Corporation and sealed with the seal of the Corporation and authenticated in the manner provided in this section shall be received in evidence and be deemed to be such an instrument without further proof unless the contrary is shown.

Share capital, subscription for shares.

4.-(1) Subject to this section, the authorised share capital of the Corporation shall be three million dollars divided into ordinary shares of the par value of ten dollars each.

(2) The Minister may from time to time by Order published in the *Gazette* vary the share capital of the Corporation.

(3) The Government of Belize may subscribe for the three hundred thousand shares mentioned in subsection (1) of this section, or such other number as the Minister may from time to time determine.

(4) Any person may subscribe for and hold shares in the Corporation subject to rules as may be made by the Board with the approval of the Minister in that behalf.

(5) The liability of any shareholder shall be limited to the amount unpaid on his shares.

5.-(1) There shall be a Board of Directors which shall consist of a Chairperson and such other persons being not less than seven in number as the Minister may appoint, of whom the following shall be *ex officio* members,

Board of Directors.

- (a) Financial Secretary or his representative;
- (b) Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Natural Resources or his representative;
- (c) Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Tourism or his representative.

(2) The Minister shall appoint the Chairperson.

(3) If any director dies, resigns or is removed from office, the vacancy caused thereby shall be filled by a new appointment made by the Minister.

(4) If any director is temporarily absent from Belize or is temporarily incapacitated through illness or for any other sufficient reason from performing his duties as a director, another person may be appointed in his place by the Minister.

(5) A director, other than an *ex officio* director, shall hold office for such period not exceeding three years as may be specified in his instrument of appointment, but such member shall be eligible for reappointment.

(6) A member of the Board, other than an *ex officio* member, may at any time resign his office by instrument in writing addressed to the Chairperson, who shall forthwith cause it to be forwarded to the Minister.

(7) The Minister may at any time for good and sufficient cause revoke the appointment of a member of the Board, other than an *ex officio* member, if he thinks it expedient so to do.

(8) The appointment, removal, death or resignation of a member of the Board shall be published in the *Gazette*.

6.-(1) The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Board, but in his absence the members present may elect one of their number to act as Chairperson at that meeting.

(2) The quorum at all meetings of the Board shall be five members.

(3) The Board may act, notwithstanding a vacancy among its members.

(4) All questions coming or arising before a meeting of the Board shall be decided by a majority of the members present and voting thereon at the meeting and in the case of an equality of votes the person presiding shall have a second or casting vote.

(5) (a) A member of the Board who is in any way directly or indirectly interested in a contract made or proposed to be made by the Board shall, as soon as possible after the relevant circumstances have come to his knowledge, disclose the nature of his interest at a meeting of the Board.

(b) Any disclosure made under subparagraph (a) of this subsection shall be recorded in the minutes of the Board and the member,

(i) shall not take part after the disclosure in any deliberation or decision of the Board with respect to the contract; and

(ii) shall be disregarded for the purpose of constituting a quorum of the Board for any such deliberation or decision.

Procedure at meetings.

(6) The General Manager shall attend all meetings of the Board, but shall have no right of vote.

(7) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Board may regulate its own procedure.

7. The functions of the Corporation shall include,

Functions of the Corporation.

- (a) securing the proper development of North Ambergris Caye under the provisions of this Act (hereinafter referred to as “development functions”);
- (b) exercising such other functions relating to North Ambergris Caye as may be conferred upon the Corporation under the provisions of this Act (hereinafter referred to as “municipal functions”).

8.-(1) Development functions relating to North Ambergris Caye may include,

Development functions.

- (a) infrastructural development;
- (b) development of residential communities;
- (c) development of commercial tourist facilities and amenities, including hotels and marinas;
- (d) provision of shops, parks, playgrounds and sports facilities;
- (e) ecological reservations and protection of the environment;
- (f) establishment of wild-life reserves and preservation of archaeological sites;
- (g) acquiring, holding, managing and disposing of land and other property;

- (h) carrying on building and other operations;
- (i) carrying on any business or undertaking in or for the purposes of North Ambergris Caye;
- (j) making of loans or grants to persons for housing or business purposes, including the purchase of land for such purposes; and
- (k) generally doing anything necessary or expedient for the development of North Ambergris Caye or for purposes incidental thereto.

(2) The functions of the Corporation under this Act shall be without prejudice to the powers and functions of the Central Housing and Planning Authority under the Housing and Town Planning Act, Cap. 182 or any regulations made thereunder.

(3) It shall be the duty of the Corporation to carry out its development functions in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the proposals approved by the Minister.

9.—(1) Subject to any directions given by the Minister, the Corporation may dispose of any land vested in it or acquired by it for the purposes of this Act, to such persons, in such manner and subject to such covenants or conditions as the Corporation considers expedient for securing the development of North Ambergris Caye,

Provided that the Corporation shall not have power, except with the consent of the Minister, to transfer the freehold in any land or to grant a lease of any land for a term of more than ninety-nine years.

(2) The powers of the Corporation with respect to the disposal of land acquired by it under this Act shall be so exercised as to secure, so far as practicable, that persons who were living or carrying on business or other activities on land so acquired shall, if they desire to obtain accommodation on land belonging to the Corporation, and are willing to comply with any requirements of the Corporation as to its development

Disposal of land
by Corporation.

and use, have an opportunity to obtain thereon accommodation suitable to their reasonable requirements on terms settled with due regard to the price at which any such land has been acquired from them.

(3) In this Act, disposal of land shall be construed as references to the disposal in any manner, whether by way of sale, exchange or lease or by the creation of any easement, right or privilege or otherwise, but shall not be construed as disposal of land by way of gift.

10.-(1) The Corporation, in the exercise of its development functions and in addition to its power to make by-laws in respect of its municipal functions as provided in section 15 of this Act, may make by-laws, subject to confirmation by the Minister, for the management, regulation, protection or preservation of any property vested in it or in its custody or any undertaking carried on by it.

Power of Corporation to make by-laws for development functions.

(2) The Minister may authorise persons employed by the Corporation to enforce by-laws made by the Corporation under this section and to take all steps, and do all acts and things, necessary for that purpose.

(3) A person who,

- (a) acts in contravention of any by-laws made under this section; or
- (b) obstructs any person authorised under subsection (2) of this section,

commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, and in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars for each day.

11. Where, in the exercise of its development functions, the Corporation provides rented housing accommodation, the rent to be charged there for shall be of such amount as the Corporation consider fit.

Housing.

Recovery of possession of premises let by the Corporation.

12. On the termination of the tenancy of any premises let by the Corporation in the exercise of its development functions, possession of the premises may (without prejudice to any other method of recovery) be recovered by the Corporation in a summary manner under Part V of the Landlord and Tenant Act, Cap. 189, whatever may be the rent or term of the tenancy.

Contributions by Corporation towards expenditure in relation to, and for the provision of, amenities.

13.—(1) Without prejudice to the generality of the powers conferred on the Corporation by any other provision of this Act, the Corporation may with the consent of the Minister, contribute such sums as the Corporation may determine,

- (a) towards expenditure incurred or to be incurred by any government department or any local or public body or voluntary body in the performance in relation to North Ambergris Caye of any of its functions, including expenditure so incurred in the acquisition of land; or
- (b) by way of assistance towards the provision of amenities for the North Ambergris Caye.

(2) In this section, “voluntary body” means any body of persons, whether corporate or incorporate, carrying on or proposing to carry on an undertaking otherwise than for profit.

Municipal functions.

14. The Corporation is hereby entrusted with the good government and administration of North Ambergris Caye and is hereby vested with the power and authority to provide or cause to be provided all or any of the following municipal functions,

- (a) to establish, regulate, control, maintain and manage markets and slaughterhouses;
- (b) to impose rents and fees upon persons using or benefitted by the use of such markets and slaughter-houses;
- (c) to impose such restrictions upon owners of land as may be necessary to prevent any building upon such land from being or becoming a source of danger to

surrounding property whether from fire or from its insecure construction or dilapidated condition;

- (d) to undertake the marking and numbering of lots, houses, buildings and yards for the purpose of distinguishing the same;
- (e) to establish, maintain and control parks, gardens, squares and open places;
- (f) to establish, maintain and control cemeteries;
- (g) to undertake and carry out, without prejudice to the powers of the Water and Sewerage Authority, works in connection with water supply, drainage and disposal of sewage and the collection and disposal of refuse;
- (h) to erect and maintain any building required for public purposes;
- (i) subject to the approval of the Minister, to manage and dispose of any lands, buildings or other property acquired or owned by the Corporation for public purposes; and
- (j) to do all such other things or matters for the purpose of increasing the convenience and amenity of North Ambergris Caye.

15.-(1) The Corporation may from time to time make by-laws subject to confirmation by the Minister,

Power of Corporation to make by-laws relating to municipal functions.

- (a) for the licensing of horses, mules, carriages, carts, drays and handcarts, (except such as are kept by the Government or by the San Pedro Town Board) kept or used in North Ambergris Caye and the imposition of fees in respect thereof,

Provided that the Corporation may in any such by-laws provide for the exemption from any requirement in respect of licensing and from the payment of the whole or part of any fee payable therefor by the owner of any horse, mule, cart, dray or handcart which is certified by the Minister to be used wholly or partially for the public service;

- (b) for the licensing of drivers of carriages, carts and drays and the imposition of fees in respect thereof;
- (c) for preventing animals from being brought into North Ambergris Caye except at such place or places as may from time to time be prescribed and for the provision of public pens for animals and for the imposition of fees and regulations in respect of the user thereof;
- (d) for regulating the passing of live-stock through the streets with power to specify the streets through which such stock shall be allowed to pass, the time of such passing, and the method of leading or driving such stock;
- (e) for the establishment and the control and use of public conveniences;
- (f) for regulating the distance from any building at which it shall be lawful to construct any other building;
- (g) for regulating the construction as to dimensions and materials of the walls of buildings within the whole or any part of North Ambergris Caye;
- (h) for regulating the construction and materials of roofs, fire-places and furnaces in buildings of every description and for the prevention of fires;
- (i) for regulating the construction of chimneys to carry away the smoke from fire-places and furnaces of any kind and for insuring protection from sparks therefrom and for the prevention of nuisances from smoke;

- (j) for regulating the erection of temporary structures;
- (k) for the establishment, regulation, control, maintenance and management of markets and slaughter-houses;
- (l) for regulating the lighting of places, streets, markets and other buildings under the control of the Corporation;
- (m) for prohibiting, except in the case of wild animals which may lawfully be shot in the bush, the killing or slaughtering of any animal, the flesh of which is intended for human food in any place within, or within one mile beyond the limits of North Ambergris Caye other than in a slaughter-house provided by the Corporation;
- (n) for prohibiting the exposing or exhibiting for sale the flesh of any animal in any place within, or within one mile beyond the limits of North Ambergris Caye other than in the market or such place or places as the Corporation may appoint;
- (o) for the regulation of parks, gardens and public recreation grounds;
- (p) for the regulation of cemeteries and interments therein; and
- (q) generally for all matters connected with the development and the rule and good government of North Ambergris Caye and the proper carrying out of the provisions of this Act.

(2) The Minister may authorise persons employed by the Corporation to enforce by-laws made by the Corporation under this section and to take all steps, and do all acts and things, necessary for that purpose.

(3) A person who,

- (a) acts in contravention of any by-laws made under this section; or
- (b) obstructs any person authorised under subsection (2) of this section,

commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, and in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars for each day.

16.—(1) All streets, in which term is included public drains and sidewalks, within the boundaries of North Ambergris Caye shall be under the control, care and management of the Corporation pursuant to its municipal functions.

(2) The Corporation shall have power in respect of any street to do any of the following things,

- (a) to lay out, construct, repair, alter or widen any street with such materials and in such manner as the Corporation thinks fit;
- (b) to make surveys for the laying out of new streets;
- (c) to determine what part of a street shall be a carriage-way and what part a foot-way only;
- (d) to alter the level of any street;
- (e) to stop temporarily the traffic on any street or part thereof while such street is being constructed or repaired;
- (f) to plant trees in any street and erect tree guards to protect the same;

General municipal powers as to streets, etc.

- (g) to provide for the naming, numbering and lighting of places and streets.

17. Where the Corporation incurs extraordinary expenses in repairing a street by reason of damage caused by excessive weight passing along the same or extraordinary traffic thereon, the Corporation may recover such expenses from any person by whom or by whose order such weight or traffic has been conducted, as a debt.

Corporation may recover expenses for repairs to streets damaged by excessive weights, etc.

18. Every person who, not being authorised by the Corporation or by any Act,

Penalties for injuries to streets, etc.

- (a) encroaches on a street by making or erecting any building, fence, ditch, or other obstacles or work of any kind upon, over or under the same or planting any tree or shrub thereon;
- (b) places or leaves on a street any timber, earth, stones or other things;
- (c) digs up, removes or alters in any way the soil or surface or scraping of a street;
- (d) allows any water, tailings or sludge or any filthy or noisome matter to flow from any building or land in his occupation on to a street;
- (e) causes or permits any timber or other heavy material not being wholly raised above the ground on wheels to be dragged on a street;
- (f) causes or negligently allows any retaining-wall, foundation-wall or fence erected on any land or slope of earth or any building, erection, material or thing to give way or fall so as to injure or obstruct any street;
- (g) does or causes or permits to be done any act whatsoever by which any injury is done to any street or any work or thing in, or under the same; or

(h) defaces, obliterates or removes any number, mark or name painted or affixed on any lot, house, building, street or square,

commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars and to a further sum equal to the costs incurred by the Corporation in removing any such encroachment, obstruction or matter, or in repairing any injury done,

Provided that no penalty shall be imposed unless the information or complaint is laid by authority of the Corporation or some officer thereof.

Duty to fence or repair fences in certain cases.

19. If any land adjoining any street within the boundaries of North Ambergris Caye is allowed to remain unfenced or if the fences of any such land are allowed to be or remain out of repair and such land is, owing to the absence or inadequate repair of any such fence, a source of danger to passengers, or is used for any immoral or indecent purpose, or for any purpose causing inconvenience or annoyance to the public, the Corporation may, at any time after the expiration of fourteen days from the service upon the owner or occupier of notice in writing by the Corporation requiring the land to be fenced or any fences on the land to be repaired, cause the land to be fenced or may cause the fences to be repaired in such manner as it thinks fit, and the reasonable expenses thereby incurred shall be recoverable from such owner or occupier summarily as a civil debt.

Rates.

20. The Minister may on such terms and conditions as may seem to him appropriate by instrument under his hand settle, impose and levy upon real property and holdings of real property within the boundary of the North Ambergris Caye rates and other municipal charges,

Provided that such instrument shall be laid before the National Assembly as soon as may be after the making thereof and shall be subject to negative resolution.

PART III

Management and Staff

21.-(1) The Corporation shall, with the approval of the Minister and on such terms and conditions as the Minister may determine, appoint a fit and proper person to be the General Manager of the Corporation.

Appointment of General Manager and other officers.

(2) The General Manager shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation and shall be responsible to the Corporation for,

- (a) the day to day administration of the Corporation's affairs; and
- (b) the provision of technical advice and guidance in matters of policy.

(3) The Corporation may appoint and employ, at such remuneration and on such terms and conditions as the Corporation may, with the approval of the Minister, determine a secretary and such other officers and servants as may be necessary for the proper carrying out of this Act.

(4) The Corporation shall have the power to dismiss its officers and servants, except that the General Manager shall not be dismissed without the prior approval of the Minister.

22.-(1) The Board may by resolution delegate to the Chairperson or the General Manager such of the functions of the Corporation relating to its day-to-day business as the Corporation may decide.

Delegation of functions.

(2) Nothing herein contained shall authorize the Corporation to delegate to any person functions to make regulations or to do any act involving extraordinary expenditure.

23. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Corporation may make regulations determining generally the conditions of service of employees of the Corporation, and in particular may make regulations relating to,

Regulations relating to staff.

- (a) the appointment, dismissal, discipline, hours of work, pay and leave of such employees;

- (b) appeals by such employees against dismissal or other disciplinary measures;
- (c) the grant of pensions, gratuities and other benefits to such employees and to their other dependants;
- (d) the establishment and maintenance of superannuation funds and provident funds and the contributions payable thereto and the benefits receivable therefrom.

Training of employees.

24. The Corporation may for the purpose of advancing the skills of its employees provide such assistance and facilities as may be necessary for training, education and research.

PART IV

Finances, etc., of the Corporation

Transfer of property.

25.—(1) The Minister may, by Order, transfer to the Corporation any property belonging to the Government which appears to him to be necessary or useful to the Corporation for carrying out its functions under this Act, and such property shall vest in the Corporation by virtue of the Order and without further assurance.

(2) An Order under subsection (1) of this section,

- (a) may contain such incidental, consequential or supplemental provisions as the Minister thinks necessary or expedient for the purpose of the Order;
- (b) shall be subject to affirmative resolution of the House of Representatives.

Loans by Government.

26. The Government may lend the Corporation such sum as the Minister certifies is required to enable the Corporation to commence its functions, to be repaid by the Corporation at such times and by such methods as the Minister may determine.

27. The revenues of the Corporation shall be classified under the following heads of receipt,

Classification of revenues.

- (a) dues and charges received by virtue of this Act;
- (b) amounts borrowed by the Corporation;
- (c) miscellaneous receipts, including interest on and service of investments,

and such revenues shall, within seven days of receipt thereof, be paid into a bank account approved by the Minister.

28.-(1) The revenues of the Corporation shall be applied for the purposes authorised by this Act in relation to the functions, powers and responsibilities of the Corporation, and also to meet the following heads of expenditure,

Application of revenues.

- (a) reimbursement to the Government of all sums certified by the Minister as having been borrowed by the Government for the purposes of the Corporation and the repayment of which is outstanding at the commencement of this Act; the arrangements for reimbursing such sums shall be such as may be determined by the Minister;
- (b) repayment of overdraft, if any, on current accounts;
- (c) interest on loans;
- (d) sinking fund on loan redemption;
- (e) payment to the Government of any consideration for the transfer of property provided by section 26;
- (f) repairs and maintenance of buildings and equipment and other current expenses;
- (g) any other expenditure approved by the Minister.

(2) Any excess of the revenues of the Corporation for any financial year over the total sums chargeable by the Corporation to revenue accounts for that year, including in such sums (without prejudice to the generality of that expression) sums credited under the next following section to the reserve fund of the Corporation, shall be applied by the Corporation in such manner as the Minister, after consultation with the Chairperson of the Board, may direct.

Reserve fund.

29.—(1) The Corporation shall establish and maintain a reserve fund to meet contingencies and for such other purposes as it may think fit.

(2) The management of the said fund, the sums to be carried from time to time to the credit thereof, the charges to be made against it and any other application of the moneys comprised therein shall be as the Board may determine.

General duty of Corporation as to finance.

30. It shall be the duty of the Corporation as far as practicable in the conduct of its affairs to seek to secure that its revenues become, at the earliest possible date and thereafter continue, at least sufficient to meet all sums properly chargeable to revenue account (including sums required for the payment of loans and interest thereon, for provision for depreciation and for the establishment and maintenance of its reserve funds).

Financial and accounting procedures.

31. The Corporation shall establish and maintain sound financial and accounting procedures and where such procedures relate to the following matters,

- (a) the determining of rates of depreciation;
- (b) the establishing of procedures governing reserves, accumulated surpluses or deficits and the disposal of balances and net revenue,

they shall be subject to the approval of the Minister.

Borrowing powers.

32.—(1) Subject to this section, the Corporation may borrow sums required by it for meeting any of its obligations or discharging any of its functions.

(2) The power of the Corporation to borrow shall be exercisable only with the approval of the Minister as to the amount, as to the sources of the borrowing and as to the terms on which the borrowing may be effected.

(3) An approval given in any respect for the purposes of subsection (2) of this section may be either general or limited to a particular borrowing or otherwise, and may be either unconditional or subject to conditions.

33. The Corporation may, subject to the approval of the Minister, secure the repayment of any sum borrowed by the Corporation for the purposes of this Act by the mortgage or charge of any property vested in the Corporation or of any revenue receivable by the Corporation under this Act.

Loans may be secured by mortgage.

34. The Corporation shall make to the Accountant General, at such times and in such manner as the Minister or other person designated by the Minister may direct, payments of such amounts as may be so directed, in or towards repayment of any sums issued in fulfilment of any guarantee and payment of interest on what is outstanding for the time being in respect of any sums so issued at such rate as the Minister may direct, and different rates of interest may be directed as respects different sums and as respects interest for different periods.

Repayment of, and interest on, sum issued to meet guarantees.

35. Any sums in the hands of the Corporation which are not immediately required by it for the purposes of its business may, with the approval of the Minister, be invested by it in such manner as its thinks proper.

Investment of funds.

36.-(1) The Corporation shall, in such form and by such dates as may be prescribed by the Financial Secretary, prepare and submit to the Minister estimates of income receivable and the expenditure to be incurred during each financial year (including any supplementary estimates).

Submission of budget estimates.

(2) Except with the approval of the Minister, no further sum shall be expended during any financial year other than that provided in the estimates relating to such financial year.

Accounts and au-
dit.

37.—(1) The Corporation shall keep proper accounts and other records in relation to the business of the Corporation and shall prepare annually a statement of accounts in a form satisfactory to the Minister, being a form which shall conform with the best commercial standards.

(2) The accounts and records shall be kept in such a manner as to secure the provision of separate information as respects each of the main activities of the Corporation and to show, as far as may be, the financial and operating results of each such activity.

(3) The accounts of the Corporation shall be audited by an auditor appointed annually by the Corporation with the approval of the Minister.

(4) So soon as the accounts of the Corporation have been audited, the Corporation shall send the statement of its accounts referred to in subsection (1) of this section to the Minister, together with a copy of any report made by the auditors on that statement or on the accounts of the Corporation.

(5) The auditor's fees and expenses of the audit shall be paid by the Corporation.

(6) The Auditor General shall be entitled at all reasonable times to examine the accounts and other records in relation to the business of the Corporation and to make such report thereon to the National Assembly as, in his discretion, he considers should be made.

Annual Report.

38.—(1) The Corporation shall, as soon as practicable after the end of each financial year, cause to be made and transmit to the Minister a report dealing generally with the activities of the Corporation during the preceding financial year and containing such information relating to the proceedings and policy of the Corporation as can be made public without detriment to the interests of the Corporation.

(2) The Minister shall cause a copy of the report together with the annual statement of accounts and the auditor's report thereon to be laid on the table of both Houses of the National Assembly.

(3) Copies of the Corporation’s report together with the annual statement of accounts and the auditor’s report on that statement or on the accounts of the Corporation shall be published in such manner as the Minister may direct and shall be made available to the public by the Corporation at a reasonable price.

PART V

Miscellaneous

39.-(1) No action, suit, prosecution or other proceeding shall be brought or instituted personally against any member of the Board in respect of any act done *bona fide* in pursuance or execution or intended execution of the Corporation’s functions under this or any other Act.

Protection of members of the Board.

(2) Where any member of the Board is exempt from liability by reason only of this section, the Corporation shall be liable to the extent it would be if the said member was an employee or agent of the Corporation.

40. The Public Authorities Protection Act, Cap.31 shall apply to any action, suit, prosecution or proceeding against the Corporation or against any officer, servant or agent of the Corporation in respect of any act, neglect or default done or committed by the Corporation or such person in such capacity under the provisions of this Act.

Application of Public Authorities Protection Act.

41. Any summons, notice or other document required or authorised to be served on the Corporation under any Act may, unless in any case there is express provision to the contrary, be served by delivering the same to the Chairperson or the Secretary or by sending it by registered post addressed to the Chairperson or Secretary at the principal office of the Corporation.

Service of documents.

42.-(1) The Corporation shall be exempt from income tax and property tax.

Exemption from taxes.

(2) All instruments executed by or on behalf of the Corporation shall be exempt from stamp duty.

SCHEDULE

NORTH AMBERGRIS CAYE
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ACT
Definition of North Ambergris Caye
(Section 2)

ALL THAT PIECE of land being the Northern portion of Ambergris Caye bounded on the North by the Mexico-Belize International boundary, on the South by lands now or formerly Caribbean Coves Ltd. (D. B. Vol. 9 of 1984 Folios 685-698), on the East by a strip of land, being various properties and cocals and also being part of the original estate of Maria Exaltacion Andrade De Mendez, and on the West by the Bay of Chetumal, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a point, said point having a U.T.M. 'SCALED' coordinate of 1,987,000 metres North and 401,500 metres East; thence grid West along the Northern boundary of lands now or formerly Caribbean Coves Ltd. for an approximate distance of 4,500 metres to a point on the Western shoreline of Ambergris Caye having a scaled U.T.M. coordinate of 1,987,000 metres North and 397,000 metres East; thence Northeasterly along the said Western shoreline of Ambergris Caye for an approximate distance of 39,700 metres to the confluence of a creek where it meets the Bay of Chetumal, the said creek forming the International boundary between Belize and Mexico; thence along the South Bank of the afore-mentioned Creek for an approximate distance of 1,800 metres to a point, on the Western boundary of lands, being formerly part of the Estate of Maria Exaltacion Andrade De Mendez, said lands also forming a strip along the Eastern coastline of Ambergris Caye, comprising of various properties and cocals; thence Southerly along the Western boundary of the said strip of land for an approximate distance of 29,000 metres back to the point of commencement; including a property now or formerly Robert N. Pinkerton (D. B. Vol. 2 of 1971 Folios 1405 - 1416) comprising of the peninsulas commonly known as Punta Lemon and San Juan. As well as, all those offshore cayes in the immediate proximity of the West-coast of the herein described piece of land, as set out as follows,

1. All those Cayes situate between U.T.M. scaled coordinates 1,998,000 and 1,993,000 metres North, and 398,800 and 401,000 metres East.
2. All those Cayes situate between U.T.M. scaled coordinate 2,000,000 and 1,999,500 metres North, and 402,800 and 403,800 metres East.
3. All that Caye having a Central U.T.M. scaled coordinate of 1,991,000 metres North and 398,200 metres East.

As shown on “COMPILATION” D. O .S. Sheet No. 7, lodged at the office of the Commissioner of Lands and Surveys.