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GASPER GEORGE APPOINTED NEW GENERAL MANAGER OF ANTIGUA CRUISE PORT

St. John's, Antigua, October 1, 2024 — Mike Maura, Jr., Regional Director of Global Ports Holding (GPH) Americas, announced today the appointment of Gasper George as General Manager of Antigua Cruise Port. Mr. George, a native of Saint Lucia, also serves as Director of Operations and Product Development for Saint Lucia Cruise Port and GPH Eastern Caribbean. Since his appointment, he has been diligently preparing for the launch of exciting commercial expansion plans at the port, coinciding with the start of the 2024/25 cruise season.

Mr. Maura, Jr. emphasized the strategic significance of George's appointment at this pivotal time for the growth of Antigua Cruise Port. "Gasper's expertise and commitment to excellence make him the ideal leader for this key position. Since joining GPH in late 2023, he has proven to be an invaluable asset to our team, significantly contributing to the development and launch of the Saint Lucia Cruise Port redevelopment project and other important regional initiatives. His strong background in the maritime and cruise industry, combined with his leadership experience and dedication to community engagement, positions him to drive progress and innovation at Antigua Cruise Port."

Maura, Jr. added, "I also wish to sincerely thank Cynthia Jacobs-Browne, our Financial Controller, for her assistance and support as interim General Manager prior to Gasper's appointment. Her leadership during that transitional period was invaluable, ensuring continuity and stability within the team. Cynthia's dedication and expertise not only helped us navigate challenges, but also set a strong foundation for future success. We are truly grateful for her commitment and hard work."

A dynamic and multifaceted professional, George brings a wealth of experience in stakeholder engagement, management, and business development. Prior to joining GPH, he served as Senior Manager of Business Development and Corporate Communications at the Saint Lucia Air and Sea Ports Authority (SLASPA). His extensive background includes roles in the private and public sectors, as well as service on key local tourism and industry boards. He is the Chairman of the Saint Lucia Community Tourism Agency and is a member of the Saint Lucia Hospitality & Tourism Association. Additionally, he has contributed to the Marketing and Communications Committee for Airport Council International – Latin America and the Caribbean.

Expressing his enthusiasm for his new role, George stated, “I am truly honored to take on the position of General Manager at Antigua Cruise Port. My focus will be on fostering sustainable growth while enhancing the overall visitor experience. By collaborating with our partners and engaging with the local community, I believe we can elevate Antigua as a premier cruise destination. Together, we will build on our strengths and innovate for the future.”

Under George’s leadership, Antigua Cruise Port is poised for exciting developments that will enhance its standing as a leading cruise destination in the Caribbean.

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Photo caption: Gasper George, Director of Operations and Product Development for Saint Lucia Cruise Port and GPH Eastern Caribbean, has been appointed General Manager at Antigua Cruise Port.



ABOUT ANTIGUA CRUISE PORT

Located in St. John’s harbor, Antigua Cruise Port is the gateway to the city, serving over 800,000 passengers annually. The port is being redeveloped under the Antigua Cruise Port Development Project through a 30-year lease agreement between the Government of Antigua & Barbuda and Global Ports Holding. In late 2020, Antigua Cruise Port completed construction of its fifth berth, a 700 ft. pier that can accommodate the biggest ships in the industry, making it possible for the port to serve as many as one million passengers per year. The new port will also have brand-new retail and food and beverage facilities, and commercial space to be leased to local entrepreneurs.

Antigua Cruise Port launched operations in October 2019. Learn more at www.antiguacruiseport.com.