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**THORNTON SMITH HOSTS IN-HOUSE FIRST AID TRAINING WITH BVI RED CROSS**

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS, 5 September 2011 – By recognizing the importance of providing employees with first aid training, British Virgin Islands law firm, THORNTON SMITH, recently partnered with the BVI Red Cross to certify its employees in first aid.

This was one phase in implementing the firm's Disaster Recovery Plan where Mr. Rudolph Lewis represented the BVI Red Cross to provide the training over a 2 day period ending on Thursday, 1 September. The Department of Disaster Management recently commended THORNTON SMITH on its "impressive" Disaster Recovery Plan and provided areas of improvement which the firm is constantly working to improve.

According to the firm's Founder & Principal, Mr. Jamal S. Smith, "while we want to comply with all our legal obligations, our objective is based on what I call our Triple C of Corporate Values – Clients, Colleagues and Community. We value the health and safety of our employees and we also care about everyone who walks into our office. We also wanted to work with a community-based organization that shares that vision and are very grateful to the BVI Red Cross for supporting this critical initiative."

Although the firm is required to ensure the health and safety of its employees under the Labour Code, 2010, the firm's corporate values recognize the need to "Think Solution for our Colleagues through:...Safe, Healthy and Secure Infrastructure" as well as "provide Total Client Satisfaction". Therefore, if a colleague or client is injured in the workplace any employee can now take the appropriate action.

After the successful training course, Mr. Lewis presented the certificates for the staff on behalf of the BVI Red Cross to Mrs. Marilyn T. Nibbs, the coordinator of the firm's Disaster Management Team. Mrs. Nibbs responded with the firm's commitment to work with the BVI Red Cross as volunteers in the future.

EDITOR'S NOTE: THORNTON SMITH is a full service law firm based in the British Virgin Islands that provides practical solutions for complex legal and business transactions with a suite of value-added services to clients. With a genuinely intimate connection to the local community, the firm represents anyone interested in doing business in or from the British Virgin Islands. Through its affiliated charitable organization, The William Thornton Foundation, it is committed to finding practical solutions for the communities in which it operates.

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