12th October, 2009

**To**

**Mervin Lee**

**Ship mate Services**

**35 Duke Street**

**Port of Spain**

Dear Sir

**RE: Defamation**

**PRE-ACTION PROTOCOL ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRACTICE DIRECTION DATED THE 15TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2005 MADE BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.**

We act on behalf of Rose Howai of Travelogic and Cruise Recruiters, Arouca.

This pre Action protocol is issued in accordance with the practice Direction dated the 15th of November, 2005 made by the Judiciary of Trinidad and Tobago.

**FACTUAL SCENARIO**

1. My Client is the Managing Director of the above mentioned Company.
2. I am instructed that on or about 8th of the October, 2009,and there on abouts you deliberately saying some slanderous material against my client.
3. The material consists of the following:
4. “some employee who got assistance through my clients company has been missing for nine months and that anybody dealing with my client’s company should be careful.”
5. Since the incident some client’s reputation has been damaged.
6. She also noticed a slow down in her business.

**In the Circumstances my client seeks the following relief**

1. That you should desist from saying any further slanderous material against my client.
2. Damages for the said defamation.
3. Costs

**Legal proceedings to be issued**

Please be advised that should you fail and or neglect to respond to this Pre-Action Protocol, Legal proceedings would be issued within 14 days.

I am required by the Practice Direction issued by the Judiciary on the 15th day of November, 2005, in respect of Pre Action protocol pursuant to the Civil proceedings Rules, 1998 (as amended) to remind you of the relevant provisions so that you will understand your responsibilities and obligations in respect of my Client’s claim as herein above stated and the powers of a judge of the High Court to impose sanctions on any party who fails or omits or neglects to follow and comply with these Pre Action Protocols.

Should you wish to propose any settlements for the damages, please do so within 14 days of this letter.

Please be guided accordingly

Yours in Service,

**Christopher Ross Gidla**

Attorney at law