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PwC in the Caribbean and the PwC Charitable Foundation donate over \$100,000 to St. Vincent volcano relief efforts

7 May 2021 – PwC in the Caribbean and the PwC Charitable Foundation have collectively donated over USD\$100,000 to disaster relief and recovery efforts in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

On 9 April 2021, the La Soufriere volcano erupted, sending ash and gas plumes miles into the sky and affecting neighbouring islands. The disaster has displaced about 20,000 people and left the population of 110,000 people without clean drinking water or electricity.

PwC firms operating in the Caribbean contributed a total of \$70,000. The funds were raised by the partners and staff of PwC firms in The Bahamas, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, East Caribbean (Barbados and St. Lucia), Guyana, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago.

In addition, [The PwC Charitable Foundation](#) approved a grant of \$30,000 to the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Red Cross, through the American Red Cross. And a donation of \$10,000 was also made by L&F Indemnity Limited (L&F), the Bermuda-based captive insurance company for the PricewaterhouseCoopers network of firms.

The funds are being donated to local and international organisations including the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency.

Frazer Lindsay, CEO of PricewaterhouseCoopers Caribbean Region Ltd., said: 'We stand in solidarity with the people of St. Vincent and everyone affected by La Soufriere's eruption. As we have done in the past with natural disasters in our region, our people have rallied quickly to demonstrate our support for those most in need and we thank them for their tremendous efforts.'

Leighton McKnight, Territory Leader, PwC Jamaica said: 'We are one Caribbean family', echoing the sentiments of Dr. Ralph Gonzalez, Prime Minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, 'Our thoughts are with our Vincentian brothers and sisters during this very challenging time and though we are grateful that no lives have been lost, we recognise the

magnitude of the challenges they and others are facing as the volcano continues to erupt. Collectively we can make a difference and so we must do all we can to help.'

Greg Galeaz, CEO and Director of L&F said, 'L&F and our staff are pleased to contribute to PwC's donation to support relief efforts in the region. Our thoughts are with the people of St Vincent as they face this crisis in the midst of the public health emergency over COVID-19.'

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Photo caption: Mike Bynoe, PwC East Caribbean Territory Leader hands over a cheque for US\$80,000 on Thursday (6 May) to Elizabeth Riley, CDEMA Executive Director to help support relief efforts in St. Vincent.

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