

1st INVESTMENT CONFERENCE NEWS

September 27 – 29, 2005 BONAIRE

*The **Micro and Small Business Foundation (CKB)** in cooperation with the **Island Government** and the **Private Sector** warmly welcomes you, investors; to the first Investment Conference & Marketplace to be held on Bonaire which we hope will be a success thanks to your participation.*

*Also, following the conference you are welcome to stay and join us for Bonaire's **37th International Sailing Regatta**, a Bonairean tradition and one of the most popular annual event that attracts sailors from all of the surrounding Islands who participate in the Island's largest sailing races with weeklong festivities including nightly entertainment in the streets of Kralendijk.*

..... BONAIRE MEANS BUSINESS.....

BONAIRE ISLAND MAP



We are very excited with regard to this event, not only because our Government is a firm believer that micro and small businesses are the backbone of our economy, but also because it can be seen as a stepping stone towards the achievements of our set objective, which is sustainable growth for all parties involved while maintaining our nature and culture.

WHY INVEST IN BONAIRE?

Bonaire's geographical position, good financial services, infrastructure, political stability and favorable tax regime makes it an attractive location for investors. There is a great demand for all sorts of investments on Bonaire. A prime condition here is that industries are asked to comply with the requirements placed by the environmental policy and which improve and/or support the quality of Bonaire's economic product.

The Bonairean Government has started a structural process of improving its investment climate and at the same time stimulating competitiveness, within the philosophy that the private sector is the engine of the economy.

A number of investment incentives have been devised to stimulate prospective investors to start new business ventures in Bonaire such as accelerated depreciation, reduced profit tax, tax holiday, investment allowances...

The main areas for investment are: Tourism, Medium and Small Business Development, Airport and Seaport business development, E-Commerce, Ecological Projects, Health Oriented Projects, Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Telecommunications.

Bonaire possesses a well-educated and qualified manpower requested by investors.

Bonaire's airport has just been upgraded to a fully equipped international airport with all the facilities and infrastructure to service short and long haul international flights. The airport can serve as a hub between Europe, North America and South America. These improved airport facilities are also envisioned to create possibilities for the development of activities other than tourism including transshipment, cargo-hub, e-commerce, assembling companies.

Bonaire has a full modernized and competitive telecommunications service for both local and international clients.

Bonaire has a well-developed banking system that plays a vital role in both local and international business on the island. Most of these banks have international ties, while branches of well-known European and American banks are established in the Netherlands Antilles.

Bonaire is a politically stable entity in the Caribbean region.

Its judiciary system is an integral part of the kingdom of the Netherlands. Numerous offices of reputable world-renowned law firms have been established in the Netherlands Antilles.

"Bonaire, an Island of Opportunities"

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