FILM MAKER FOUND DEAD IN SELENA VILLAGE

SELENA VILLAGE, Cayo, January 4, 2016:

Who would want to kill Matthew Klinck? That is the question at the center of police investigation after the 37-year-old Canadian film maker was found dead at his place of residence on the outskirts of Spanish Lookout Community. He had been staying at the remote area in Selena Village since May of 2014.

Klinck’s friends went to visit him around 8:30 on Monday night and were taken to the house by the caretaker of the estate, Edwin Paz. Paz said that when they approached the house, “the door was open and the truck was open”. They continued towards the house and found the lifeless body of Klinck. Paz immediately called police to the location. Police arrived at approximately 8:40 p.m.

According to police reports, the house was ransacked and some 15 feet away was the body of Mathew Klinck in its initial stage of decomposition and had what appeared to be a stab wound to the left side of the neck. He was dressed in a blue jeans pants and a beige T-Shirt. A medical examiner has determined that he was stabbed about 14 times, mostly to the torso and neck. The cause of death was recorded as “hypovolemic shock due to internal and external hemorrhage due to multiple stab wounds”.

Police have not determined a motive as yet. Though the house was ransacked, the caretaker says as far as he has seen nothing was stolen. Paz said the last time he saw Klinck was on Saturday, January 2, sometime between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. when he “stopped by, said hi and he drove in - that’s how he normally did it”.

Klinck doesn’t have any known enemies, according to friends. He has been living and producing films in Belize for the past five years. He is remembered locally for the feature film “Curse of Xtabai” which was shot entirely in Creole. In 2014, he started working with other Belizeans to

Cable Wire Kills Man on Iguana Creek Road

SPANISH LOOKOUT, Cayo, December 22, 2015:

Eddy Alberto Sanchez, 29, of Buena Vista Village has died as a result of injuries sustained during a motorcycle accident two weeks ago.

On December 22, Sanchez was driving his grey Meilun 125 motor cycle in the outskirts of Spanish Lookout off the Iguana Creek Road and upon reaching the entrance of Belize Concrete Limited he collided into a cable wire used for the barrier of the compound which was across the road. He sustained severe head and body injuries and was rushed to the Western Regional Hospital in a critical condition.

Doctors at the hospital did what they could to stabilize and prepare him for transport to the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital in Belize City.

Doctors at the nation’s final referral hospital executed multiple operations to save Sanchez’s life.

Unfortunately, the injuries were too severe for him to recover. Sanchez died on Monday afternoon December 28, at 2:00 p.m.

Police issued a release with details of the incident on December 30. There has been no word on whether or not Belize Concrete Limited is being looked at as a responsible party for Sanchez’s accident.

Investigation into this incident continues.
Huge Heist In Ontario Village

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Liquor License Notices

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Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, IRIS MAHMUD is applying for a RESTAURANT liquor license for the year 2016 to operate The Log Cabihn located at Mile 68, George Price Highway, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, STACEY BURNS is applying for a MAL&T CIDER liquor license for the year 2016 to operate San Ignacio Service Station located on Benque Viejo Road, San Ignacio Town, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, MEI YIN LIU is applying for a RESTAURANT & BAR liquor license for the year 2016 to operate Eva's Restaurant located at Burns Avenue, San Ignacio Town, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, MARIE CONTRERAS is applying for a PRESTARAINT liquor license for the year 2016 to operate Marie's Restaurant located on Cemetery Road, Santa Elena Town, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, JUAN PABLO URIA is applying for a PUBLICANSPECIAL liquor license for the year 2016 to operate El Cerritocloaked in Duck Run 1, Cayo District.

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ARIES: March 22 to April 20
On Thursday, fiery Mars will oppose unpredictable Uranus. The last time this happened was in June, 2014. This explosive combination makes people impulsive and short tempered. It’s classic for power outages and problems with machinery, especially electrical. It triggers hot, sizzling sex, and is accident-prone. This is not a good time for meetings that require cooperation or agreement. Fortunately, some pleasant influences offset this rash combination. Friday’s New Moon is the perfect time to make resolutions. Even if you don’t keep your resolutions, at least, you made them. Motivation is the key. Abraham Lincoln said, “You can’t escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today.”

Lucky numbers: 38, 42, 55.

TAURUS: April 21 to May 20
Your focus on shared property, inheritances, taxes, debt and financial matters involving others continues. In fact, the New Moon on Friday is the perfect time to make resolutions about how to handle debt and these specific financial negotiations. What can you do to improve things for the future? Fortunately, relations with partners and close friends are sweet and cozy, especially intimately. A mild warning for the midweek: On Wed./Thurs., difficulties with work are likely. Equipment breakdowns, electrical problems and arguments with coworkers might occur. Lucky numbers: 38, 42, 55.

GEMINI: May 21 to June 20
Remember to get more sleep because you will need it. Recharge from you as it gets all year and the Sun is your source of energy. Your strong focus on partnerships continues. Actually, this oppositional Sun is the best time all year to learn about your style of relating to others. The New Moon on Friday is the best time all year to make resolutions about how to improve your closest relationships. Meanwhile, relations with coworkers are excellent. In fact, a work-related romance might begin. Be careful midweek (Wed./Thurs.) because a harsh planetary aspect could be an accident-prone time for partners, which means you must be vigilant. This can also create problems with romantic partners. Tread carefully! Lucky numbers: 14, 33, 46.

CANCER: June 21 to July 22
You are pumped to get organized in your life! Give yourself the right tools to do a bang-up job because while you have this urge, get as much done as possible. Ya think? In a timely way, Friday’s New Moon is the best day of the year to make resolutions about how to be more efficient in your life as well as healthier. Think about what you wish you would do (even if you never do it). Start with perfection and scale back to reality. Everything begins with a thought, right? Eventually, that thought will translate into action. This is a lovely week for romantic get-togethers. Relations with children are also sweet and affective. Try to avoid arguments at home as well as domestic accidents on Wed./Thurs. Power outages, breakages and problems with small appliances -- especially electrical might occur. Lucky numbers: 61, 78, 84.

LEO: July 23 to August 22
This is wonderful, playful month for Leo! Schmooze with friends and loved ones. Enjoy fun times with children. Attend all invitations to party because it’s your turn to go out in full dazzle. You will also enjoy entertaining at home and doing anything to make your home look more beautiful. Real-estate negotiations could be favourable. However, a word of warning: Midweek on Wed./Thurs., a harsh planetary alignment can trigger arguments. It is also an accident-prone time. This means you have to pay attention to everything you say and do. Be mindful. Avoid knee-jerk reactions and saying flippant things that you might later regret. Lucky numbers: 29, 36, 44.

LIBRA: September 23 to October 22
Family, home and your private life is your focus now. In fact, the New Moon on Friday is the best day all year to make resolutions about how you want to improve your home, and also, how you can improve your relationship with family members. Why not try it? You are oh so charming and diplomatic right now because of the placement of Venus for Virgos. Many of you will make money from your words -- selling, marketing, writing, teaching and acting. Others will just sweet talk someone into doing what you want them to do. By midweek, financial disputes could be ugly. Protect your possessions, money and assets on Wed./Thurs. from loss, breakage or theft. Forewarned is forearmed! Lucky numbers: 73, 87, 96.

LIBRA: September 23 to October 22
Busy week! Short trips, reading and writing, errands plus talking to everyone will keep you off your heels. Family discussions and home repairs are happening. Fortunately, your finances look good! And you have chances to earn money as well as spend it on beautiful things. Caution!

Fiery Mars is in your sign pumping you with energy. Mostly, this is a good thing because you can use this energy to make things happen. However, midweek, unpredictable Uranus lines up with Mars to create an accident-prone situation. (Ouch) Plus this influence can trigger fights and arguments with others. Remember Proverbs. “A soft answer turneth away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger.” Lucky numbers: 65, 71, 92.

SCORPIO: October 23 to November 21
Cash flow, earnings and money are on your mind. How timely that the New Moon on Friday is the best day all year to make resolutions about how to make money and handle it wisely. With Venus in your sign now, you look fabulous! You’re charming and diplomatic with everyone. Yay! This is also the perfect time to buy wardrobe goodies because the new clothes you see you in the mirror. Midweek, a harsh planetary situation will make you restless, impatient with others and tempted to say or do rash things. Be cool. Lucky numbers: 02, 19, 30.

SAGITTARIUS: November 22 to December 21
This is a powerful time because both the Sun and Saturn are in your sign; plus this Friday, the only New Moon all year in your sign also occurs. It’s all about you! Make the most of this edge that you have because people and favourable circumstances are attracted to you. Make this work for you! You have moneymaking ideas that interest you. (You always want to get rich quick -- and some of you do!) Actually, getting rich slow is not so bad, either. Secret love affairs are taking place for some. The thing you have to be careful of is arguments with a friend midweek. These arguments could be triggered by a competition or a disagreement with a group. Don’t do anything you will later regret. Lucky numbers: 23, 41, 69.

CAPRICORN: December 22 to January 20
It’s smart to play it cool and lie low because in a few weeks, the Sun will be in your sign and you’ll be out there flying your colours! Until then, use this downtime to strategize what you want your New Year to be all about. Set some goals. After all, you are ambitious, especially this month! A word of caution: Be careful that your ambition is not so strong that someone feels threatened -- like your boss. Not good. Difficulties with authority figures might come to a head midweek. Remember your objective. Sometimes you have to lose a battle in order to win the war. Meanwhile, friendships are warm and cozy. In fact, a friend could become a lover. Lucky numbers: 57, 75, 89.

AQUARIUS: January 21 to February 18
Such a wonderful, popular time! Enjoy schmoozing with everyone. Not only will you enjoy the company of others, these interactions will benefit you with hot tips, advice or introductions to someone important. Use Friday’s New Moon to make resolutions about what you want regarding the friendships in your life. Right now, you make a great impression on bosses and VIPs. This week and especially midweek, is an accident-prone time so do be careful. Pay attention to everything you say and do. Lucky numbers: 17, 22, 37.

PISCES: February 19 to March 20
You impress others right now because you look good in their eyes. This is why people will ask you to take on increased responsibilities -- they think you’re hot! Just say yes because you don’t have to do anything extra special to dazzle them. Meanwhile, travel for pleasure looks promising. Blow town if you can, especially to somewhere beautiful and enticing. Meanwhile, be careful about financial disputes or arguments about possessions, money and who owns what, midweek. You might also lose your fair share of something if you are not careful. Don’t let this happen. Lucky numbers: 08, 66, 91.

Your Weekly Horoscope and Lucky Numbers

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Things Look Bright For Cayo In 2016

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, January 6, 2016:
The Belize Police Department has released its national crime statistical report for 2015 and it shows that major crimes have decreased by 23 percent in the San Ignacio Formation.

In 2014 there were 226 crimes to obtain people’s property. Those included 91 burglaries, 16 robberies and 119 thefts. In 2015 there were only 66 burglaries, 28 robberies and 82 thefts. That is a total of 176 crimes to obtain people’s property. That is a decrease of 22.1 percent.

There were 25 violent crimes against the person in 2014. Those are 7 carnal knowledge, 13 murders and 5 rapes. In 2015 there were 17 violent crimes.

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Superintendent Andrew Ramirez against the person. Those are 7 carnal knowledge, 5 murders and 5 rapes. This is a decrease of 32 percent in violent crimes against the person.

In total, there were 251 major crimes in the San Ignacio Formation in 2014 and only 193 in 2015. This is a decrease of 23.1 percent.

Mayor Earl Trapp recently wrote a letter to Superintendent Andrew Ramirez, Officer in Charge of the San Ignacio Police, saying, “The tremendous response from our residents is indeed overwhelming to have noted the vigilant patrol of officers across hot spots and busy routes throughout the municipality of San Ignacio and Santa Elena. It is no doubt that business owners and residents felt secure and the very minimal occurrences proved your strategy to be a complete success in law enforcement.”

Kudos to the San Ignacio Police Officers.

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Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, SANDRA PANIAGUA is applying for a RESTAURANT liquor license for the year 2016 to operate The Great Mayan Prince Grill/Bar located on Benque Viejo Road, San Ignacio Town, Cayo District

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, JOSEPH BRADLEY is applying for a SHOP liquor license for the year 2016 to operate Juan Chuc & Sons located on Bullet Tree Road, San Ignacio, Cayo District

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, ELI OBANDO is applying for a PUBLICAN SPECIAL liquor license for the year 2016 to operate Coze Courtyard Grill located in Branch Mouth, Cayo District

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, CARMELLA DAWSON is applying for a MALT & CIDER liquor license for the year 2016 to operate Kriol Tuch Dong Restaurant located on George Price Highway, Santa Elena Town, Cayo District

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, TOM GALLAGHER is applying for a RESTAURANT liquor license for the year 2016 to operate Moonracer Farm Lodging & Tours located at Mile 9 Mountain Pine Ridge Road, Cayo District

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, RUO FENG LI is applying for a SHOP liquor license for the year 2016 to operate Li Store located in Esperanza Village, Cayo District
Mr. and Mrs. Brown had two sons. One was named Mind Your Own Business & the other was named Trouble. One day the two boys decided to play hide and seek. Trouble hid while Mind Your Own Business counted to one hundred. Mind Your Own Business began looking for his brother behind garbage cans and bushes. Then he started looking in and under cars until a police man approached him and asked, "What are you doing?" "Playing a game," the boy replied. "What is your name?" the officer questioned. "Mind Your Own Business." Furious the policeman inquired, "Are you looking for trouble?!" The boy replied, "Why, yes,"

A proud and confident genius makes a bet with an idiot. The genius says, "Hey idiot, every question I ask you that you don't know the answer, you have to give me $5. And if you ask me a question and I can't answer yours I will give you $5,000." The idiot says, "Okay." The genius then asks, "How many continents are there in the world?" The idiot doesn't know and hands over the $5.

I'm Smarter Than You

A bus full of ugly people had a head on collision with a truck. When they died, God granted all of them one wish. The first person said, "I want to be gorgeous." God snapped his fingers and it happened. The second person said the same thing and God died, God granted all of them one wish. The first person said, "Now me ask: what animal stands with two legs but sleeps with three?" The genius tries and searches very hard for the answer but gives up and hands over the $5000. The genius says, "Dang it, I lost. By the way, what was the answer to your question?" The idiot hands over $5.

Angry Bird

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Can Belize Feed Itself? A Matter Of National Security

Contributed By: JK Castillo, Punta Gorda

Food security is defined as existing “when all people at all times have access to sufficient, safe, nutritious food to maintain a healthy and active life”. This will become one of the greatest challenges in the world as we face the effects of climate change, according to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (Climate change and food security, 2008). In Belize, according to the Belize National Food and Agriculture Policy (2015-2030), decreasing food security has been identified as one of the main threats to the well-being of Belizean people.

There are three ways in which we can transform our food production systems to make them stronger in the face of these challenges.

The first one is to ensure long term productivity of our agricultural systems. To be able to grow, a plant needs nutrients and water, which are found in the soil. For this reason, soil health and protection are key elements for the long term productivity of agricultural systems.

To be healthy, soils need organic matter and the micro-organisms that process it into nutrients, so that plants can absorb them through their roots. Once we harvest a certain crop, soil needs to be replenished with organic matter for it to be able to provide another harvest. This can be done through organic or artificial methods. If we use artificial methods, adding industrial fertilizers, and combine it with the usual application of herbicides and other chemicals, we are killing the micro-organisms necessary for healthy soil. That is what frequently happens in large scale agriculture, which are huge plantations of one single species (corn, African oil palm, sugar cane, bananas or citrus). But also, in small scale agriculture, when we burn vegetation in order to plant a crop we are burning the same organic matter and micro-organisms that will be needed for long term productivity. There are many organic ways of replenishing the soils’ nutrients, for example planting crops in between rows of leguminous trees that can be pruned every year, such as the species Inga edulis, locally known as bri-bri, which has had success in Honduras (growing corn, bananas, pineapples and cocoa yam, among many other crops) and is being tested as we speak in the Toledo district, providing farmers with healthy, productive, stable soils (even on slopes) and plenty of fire wood as a results of the pruning.

Another way of enhancing food security is by making our agricultural production resilient to climate change effects. In Belize, these changes will bring more and longer drought periods and higher temperatures, as well as more frequent intense flooding. We need agricultural systems that are able to store water in the soil to resist dry conditions. Good news! This can be done through tree roots. So, we need trees in our farms. This is known as agro-forestry andin many areas of Belize, cacao and coffee based agro-forestry are already providing farmers with healthy, productive, stable soils from local farmers.

The Belizean government has developed, and is in the process of approving a new National Food and Agriculture Policy (2015-2030). All these aspects are mentioned in it, but we know from past experience (National Land Use Policy approved in 2010), that there is a long stretch between policy approval and real actions on the ground. The policy also calls (in its draft) for an increase in the contribution of the food and agricultural sector to GDP from current 13% to 20%. That is a huge increase. Let’s make sure that it is based on sustainable, climate change resilient agriculture, and not at the cost of the clearing more precious forests for unsustainable and vulnerable developments that will only bring short term benefits for a very few and great environmental damage for all.

In the rapidly changing environment that we will find ourselves during the coming years, we have a chance to leave a great inheritance for our children. One of a healthy, plentiful Belize that can provide food for all its people.
Liquor License Notices

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, TERESITA ROSALES is applying for a MALT & CIDER liquor license for the year 2016 to operate Therese Tulipanes Bar located in Cristo Rey Village, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, SHARON ORELLANO is applying for a PUBLICAN SPECIAL liquor license for the year 2016 to operate Abby’s Fast Food located on Wyatt Street, San Ignacio Town, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, JORDAN BOGGOTT is applying for a PUBLICAN SPECIAL liquor license for the year 2016 to operate Bar Los Addictos located in Bullet Tree Village, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, LEWIS MENDOZA is applying for a MALT & CIDER liquor license for the year 2016 to operate Abby’s Fast Food located in Unitedville Village, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, JESUS MENDEZ is applying for a CONVENIENCE STORE liquor license for the year 2016 to operate Running W Steak House located on Wyatt Street, San Ignacio Town, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, MARIAM ROBERSON is applying for a RESTAURANT & BAR liquor license for the year 2016 to operate Running W Steak House located on Wyatt Street, San Ignacio Town, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, FELIPE PAZ is applying for a PUBLICAN SPECIAL liquor license for the year 2016 to operate La Pasadita Bar located in Buena Vista Village, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, GEORGE RECINOS is applying for a CONVENIENCE STORE liquor license for the year 2016 to operate Costless Wine House located on Benque Viejo Road, San Ignacio Town, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, SANDRA ESPAT is applying for a PUBLICAN SPECIAL liquor license for the year 2016 to operate Parrot Nest Lodge located in Bullet Tree Village, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, THEO COCCI is applying for a MALT & CIDER liquor license for the year 2016 to operate Upper Dover Field Station Ltd. located Unitedville Village, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, MELISSA CASTILLO is applying for a PUBLICAN SPECIAL liquor license for the year 2016 to operate Tienda Gracias De Dios located on George Price Highway, Santa Elena Town, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, GLORIA RAMIREZ is applying for a PUBLICAN SPECIAL liquor license for the year 2016 to operate Dream Catcher Bar located in Buena Vista Village, Cayo District.

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Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, HECTOR MONTERO is applying for a PUBLICAN SPECIAL liquor license for the year 2016 to operate Running W Steak House located on Wyatt Street, San Ignacio Town, Cayo District.

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Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, MICHAEL CANTO is applying for a PUBLICAN SPECIAL liquor license for the year 2016 to operate Mariposa Jungle Lodge located in Mountain Pine Ridge Road, San Ignacio Town, Cayo District.

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Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, SHARYN BRINKER is applying for a PUBLICAN SPECIAL liquor license for the year 2016 to operate Fuego Bar & Grill located in Mountain Pine Ridge Road, San Ignacio Town, Cayo District.

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PRESS RELEASE

January 6, 2016

NEW LOWER RATES

Belize Telemedia Limited (BTL), under its Digicel banner, is pleased to announce that effective this past January 1, 2016, the company lowered its PrePaid cellular rates. These reductions mark the continuation of fourteen months of price reductions and product enhancements to Digicel’s PrePaid and PostPaid mobile services.

The new rate for Digicel customers to call Digicel & BTL customers (referred to as “On-Net” rate) is 47 cents per minute, exclusive of tax. This represents a significant 22 percent reduction over the previous rate of 60 cents per minute. Calls to the company’s competitor, SMART (referred to as “Off-Net” rate), have been reduced to 50 cents per minute, exclusive of tax.

“Since the launch of the MORE campaign in November 2014, we have continuously been the leader in providing our mobile customers with lowered rates and added value,” commented Anwar Barrow, Chairman of the Executive Committee of BTL. “We have been keen in listening to our customers’ needs and are pleased to introduce these lowered calling rates and improved offerings which will give them the opportunity to do more and get more, for the same prices or cheaper.”

“By virtue of having the country’s largest cellular and landline network, these new rates allow Digicel customers to call more Belizeans for less money than the customers of the competitor who currently would pay a higher rate to call our larger base of customers. For us, the message is simple: Your Credit lasts longer with Digicel,” noted Barrow.

In little over a year, Digicel introduced new PostPaid Combo plans which give more minutes, more text, FREE talk time and FREE 4G data included in the respective plans; the company rejigged its PrePaid 4G data plans to as little as $2 per day, a 75% reduction in price point; it revised its text bundles, making them the best value in text messaging in the country. These price reductions and product enhancements in Digicel services have afforded Belizeans tremendous savings and incredible value, with an indication from the company that continued product changes and enhancements will continue in the future.