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GRENADA'S PROTEIN FROM WASTE PROJECT NOMINATED FOR AWARDS

The Grenada Project - Protein from Waste Initiative, one of the most innovative and exciting projects under the Compete Caribbean Phase One portfolio, has been nominated for two international awards.

The Grenada Project (TGP) was founded in 1994 as a non-profit organization and is the firm behind the Protein from Waste initiative. The Protein from Waste (PFW) concept coalesced with the discovery of a technology that recycles spent motor oil, which represents a serious disposal challenge for the country, as a free fuel to make steam, which is then used for rendering waste organic matter into protein for animal feeds.

The PFW innovation is unique given that this is the first small scale plant in the region that utilizes used motor oils to convert fish offal, brewery spent grains, vegetable waste and other noxious wastes into a reduced-price poultry feed. PFW's primary objective is to help poor rural poultry farmers increase their profitability while at the same time helping to reduce pollution through resource recovery.

With this background, Compete Caribbean recently nominated PFW for the United Nations Climate Change Secretariat's, Momentum for Change Lighthouse Activities which shines a light on the most innovative, scalable and replicable examples of what people around the world are doing to tackle climate change. It further targets leading results-driven projects that are successfully addressing climate change. Successful awardees will be announced in September.

Additionally, Head of the PFW, Jim Aronson confirmed that PFW was also recently nominated by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) for The Equator Initiative's Equator Prize for 2017. This year's prize will be awarded to outstanding community and indigenous initiatives that are advancing nature-based solutions for local sustainable development.

The Equator Prize winners will join a prestigious network of 208 community-based organizations from 70 countries that have been awarded the Equator Prize since 2002. Each winning group will receive USD10,000 and will be invited to participate in a series of policy dialogues and special events during the United Nations General Assembly in New York in September 2017, culminating in an award ceremony at the beginning of Climate Week.

PFW's Aronson had this to say: "I want to thank the OAS, Compete Caribbean and UNDP for their support without which the project would not have been possible. We started out to clean up the environment and help small farmers in Grenada and came up with a solution that can help small countries around the world. These countries have almost all suffered from the effects of having no economy of scale in a globalized world that favours the huge."

Compete Caribbean is thrilled to have assisted PFW with its development, progress and success. Executive Director, Sylvia Dohnert said: "We are extremely proud of Jim and the PFW initiative. This project is a game changer for the Caribbean and has the potential to be replicated in other parts of the world. We applaud Jim's innovative thinking as well as his focus, dedication and commitment to ensuring the ultimate success of PFW. We wish him well."