OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill would amend the *Small Business Development Act*, Cap. 318C to

- (a) allow benefits on a wider range of activities in which small businesses are involved;
- (b) revise the criteria so that small businesses may qualify more easily for approved small business status;
- (c) make provision for an improved system regarding the processing of applications for approved small business status; and
- (d) strengthen the arrangements for regulating the performance of approved small business.

Arrangement of Sections

Section

- 1. Short title.
- 2. Amendment of long title of Cap. 318C.
- 3. Amendment of section 2 of Cap. 318C.
- 4. Amendment of section 3 of Cap. 318C.
- 5. Amendment of section 4 of Cap. 318C.
- 6. Amendment of section 5 of Cap. 318C.
- 7. Amendment of section 6 of Cap. 318C.
- 8. Amendment of section 7 of Cap. 318C.
- 9. Amendment of section 8 of Cap. 318C.

Section

- 10. Amendment of section 9 of Cap. 318C.
- 11. Amendment of section 11 of Cap. 318C.
- 12. Amendment of section 15 of Cap. 318C.
- 13. Amendment of section 17 of Cap. 318C.
- 14. Deletion and replacement of First and Second Schedules to Cap. 318C.
- 15. Amendment of Third Schedule to Cap. 318C.

BARBADOS

A Bill entitled

An Act to amend the Small Business Development Act.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Barbados as follows:

- 1. This Act may be cited as the Small Business Development Short title. (Amendment) Act, 2006.
- 2. The long title of the *Small Business Development Act*, in this Amendment Act referred to as the principal Act, is deleted and the following is substituted:

 of long title of Cap. 318C.

"An Act to provide for the establishment of a regulatory framework that would facilitate the growth of the small business sector in Barbados and contribute towards the socio-economic development of Barbados.".

Amendment of section 2 of Cap. 318C.

3. Section 2 of the principal Act is deleted and the following is substituted:

"Interpreta-

2. (1) For the purposes of this Act,

"approved private sector organisation" means a private sector organisation approved by the Minister pursuant to section 15(b);

"approved small business" means a small business approved by the Minister pursuant to section 4(4);

Cap, 323C.

"Central Bank" means the Central Bank of Barbados established by section 3 of the Central Bank of Barbados Act;

"Credit Guarantee Scheme" means the Credit Guarantee Scheme for small business administered by the Central Bank;

"employee" means an individual who has entered into or works under a contract of service with an employer, whether the contract is express or implied;

"group" means

- (a) in relation to a company, that company and
 - (i) any other company which is its holding company or subsidiary;
 - (ii) any other company which is a subsidiary of its holding company;

- (iii) any company which directly or indirectly controls or is controlled by any company referred to in sub-paragraph (i) or (ii);
- (iv) any company which is controlled by a person who directly or indirectly controls a company referred to in sub-paragraph (i), (ii) or (iii);
- (v) any company in which a group of relatives has a controlling interest;
- (b) in relation to a person other than a company,
 - (i) a group of relatives where each member of the group is substantially dependent upon the same income source;
 - (ii) a group of persons in which one member has power directly or indirectly to control the other members;
 - (iii) any other group of persons that may be prescribed by the Minister;
- "loan guarantee cover" means the amount of money for which a loan guarantee has been issued under the Credit Guarantee Scheme;
- "Minister" means the Minister responsible for business development;
- "retailer of loan guarantees" means an organisation which evaluates the various risks associated with loan guarantees and which has the financial capabilities to cover such risks;
- "sales" means income received in the exchange for goods and services recorded for a given accounting period, either on a cash basis or on an accrual basis;

- (2) For the purposes of this Act,
- (a) one body corporate is affliated with another body corporate if one of them is the subsidiary of the other, or both are subsidiaries of the same body corporate, or each of them is controlled by the same person; and
- (b) if two bodies corporate are affiliated with the same body corporate at the same time, they are affiliated with each other.
- (3) For the purposes of this Act, "associate" when used to indicate a relationship with any person means,
 - (a) a company or body corporate, of which that person beneficially owns or controls, directly or indirectly, shares or debentures convertible into shares, that carry more than twenty per cent of the voting rights
 - (i) under all circumstances;
 - (ii) by reason of the occurrence of an event that has occurred and is continuing; or
 - (iii) by reason of a currently exercisable option or right to purchase those shares to convertible debentures;
 - (b) a partner of that person acting on behalf of the partnership of which they are partners;
 - (c) a trust or estate in which that person has a substantial beneficial interest or in respect of which he serves as a trustee or in a similar capacity;
- (d) a spouse of that person within the meaning of subsections (3) and (4) of section 2 of the Succession Act;

- a child, a step-child or adopted child of that person; and
- a relative of that person or of his spouse if that relative has the same residence as that person.
- For the purposes of this Act, a body corporate is controlled by a person if any shares of the body corporate carrying voting rights sufficient to elect a majority of the directors of the body corporate are, except by way of security only, held, directly or indirectly, by or on behalf of that person.".
- 4. Section 3 of the principal Act is deleted and the following is Amendment substituted:

of section 3 of Cap. 318C.

"Small business.

3. (1) For the purposes of this Act, a small business is an enterprise that

Cap. 308.

- (a) is incorporated under the Companies Act;
- (b) has satisfied any two of the following criteria:
 - (i) the small business has not more than \$1 000 000 as stated or paid up capital;
 - (ii) the small business has not more than \$ 2 000 000 in annual sales;
 - (iii) the small business has not more than 25 employees;
- (c) subject to subsection (2), is not more than 25 per cent owned or controlled by a company whose share capital and annual sales exceed the share capital and annual sales mentioned in paragraph (b) or by a subsidiary of that company or by a subsidiary of a large group of companies;

- (d) is not controlled by a company whose share capital and annual sales exceed the share capital and annual sales mentioned in paragraph (b) respectively;
- (e) has no agreement for the payment of fees on a continuing basis for managerial or other services to any person where those services do not form part of the normal business operations of the enterprise.
- (2) Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) does not apply to a small business that is financed by venture capital.".

Amendment of section 4 of Cap. 318C.

- 5. Section 4 of the principal Act is amended
- (a) by deleting subsection (2) and substituting the following:
- "(2) An application under subsection (1) shall First be in duplicate in the Form 1 or 1A set out in the *First* Schedule. Schedule and shall be accompanied
 - (a) by a certificate of incorporation;
 - (b) by a certificate from the Commissioner of Inland Revenue, the Commissioner of Land Tax, the Director of the Value Added Tax Division and the Director of the National Insurance Department, where appropriate, stating that all liabilities for the payment of taxes and national insurance contributions in respect of the small business have been discharged;
 - (c) where the business has gross assets or gross revenue which
 - (i) exceed \$1 000 000, by an audited financial statement;

- (ii) do not exceed \$1 000 000, by a review engagement for the financial year immediately preceding that in which the application is made;
- (d) where the business has been in operation for less than one year, by a statement of financial projections for a period of three years from an accounting organisation or a qualified accountant;
- (e) such other information as the Minister considers necessary to enable him to make a decision under subsection (4).".
- (b) by inserting the following new subsection immediately after subsection (2):
 - "(2A) For the purposes of this section "qualified accountant" means an individual who is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Barbados or an Institute of similar repute within the Caribbean Community, and who is in good standing as a member of an association of chartered, public or general accountants.";
- (c) in subsection (3), by
 - (i) deleting the opening words and substituting the following:
 - "An application under subsection (1) shall contain the following information:";
 - (ii) inserting the following new paragraph immediately after paragraph (c):
 - "(cc) the names of the directors and shareholders of any company affiliated with the small business and the number of shares held by them;";
 - (iii) deleting the word "and" appearing at the end of paragraph (i); and
 - (iv) deleting paragraph (j).";

- (d) by deleting subsection (4) and substituting the following:
 - "(4) Where an application referred to in subsection (1), has been made and the Minister is satisfied that the business
 - (a) is a small business within the meaning of section 3(1); and
 - (b) carries on an activity which is of significant or substantial socio-economic benefit to Barbados,

the Minister may by order declare the business to be an approved small business.".

Amendment of section 5 of Cap. 318C.

- 6. Section 5 of the principal Act is amended by
- (a) deleting the word "Registrar" wherever it appears and substituting the words "Chief Business Development Adviser";
- (b) deleting the words "Second Schedule" appearing in subsection (3) and substituting the words "First Schedule"; and
- (c) deleting the words "Third Schedule" wherever they appear and substituting the words "Second Schedule".

Amendment of section 6 of Cap. 318C.

- 7. Section 6 of the principal Act is amended
- (a) in subsection (1), by
 - (i) deleting the words "and Registrar" appearing in the fifth and sixth line thereof; and
 - (ii) by deleting the words "Second Schedule" and substituting the words "First Schedule";
- (b) in subsection (2), by
 - (i) deleting the word "Registrar" and substituting the words "Chief Business Development Adviser"; and

- (ii) deleting the words "Third Schedule" and substituting the words "Second Schedule".".
- 8. Section 7 of the principal Act is amended

Amendment of section 7 of Cap. 318C.

- (a) in subsection 3, by
 - (i) deleting the word "25 per cent" appearing in paragraph (a) and substituting the words "20 percent"; and
 - (ii) inserting in paragraph (b) the words "raw materials and" immediately after the words "exemption from i m p o r t duty on" appearing in the first line thereof;
- (b) by inserting the following new section immediately after subsection 3:
 - "(3A) An approved small business shall not be eligible for the incentive specified in paragraph (b) of subsection 3 where any income earned by that business is derived from the rental of its plant and equipment.";
- (c) by deleting subsection (6) and substituting the following:
 - " (6) All incentives granted to an approved small business under this Act shall terminate if the business ceases to qualify as a small business for three consecutive years.": and
- (d) by inserting immediately after subsection (8) the following new subsections:
- "(9) An approved small business shall not be eligible Cap. 341. for any incentives under the *Tourism Development Act*, Cap. 71A. the *Fiscal Incentives Act*, the *Special Development Areas* Cap. 237A. Act, or the *Shipping Incentives Act*.

- (10) An approved small business that has been granted incentives under paragraph (b) of subsection (3) shall
 - (a) keep a record of the articles imported; and
 - (b) permit the Comptroller of Customs or a person authorised by him, to inspect, at all reasonable times, such records and to have access to any premises under its control for the purpose of verifying the accuracy of the particulars contained in the record.".

Amendment of section 8 of Cap. 318C.

9. Section 8 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (2), (3) and (4) by deleting the words "provider of loan guarantees" and substituting the words "retailer of loan guarantees".

Amendment of section 9(2) of Cap. 318C.

10. Section 9 of the principal Act is amended in paragraph (i) of subsection (2) by inserting immediately after the word "management" the words "and in any other appropriate area".

Amendment of section 11 of Cap. 318C.

11. Section 11 of the principal Act is deleted and the following is substituted:

"Appraisal.

- "11. (1) The Minister shall cause an approved small business to be examined annually for the purpose of determining whether it continues to satisfy the criteria specified in section 3 to be an approved small business."
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), an approved small business shall not later than 3 months after the end of each financial year, submit to the Minister a copy of its financial statements.

Amendment of section 15 of Cap. 318C.

- 12. Section 15 of the principal Act is amended by deleting paragraph (c) and substituting the following:
 - "(c) by order amend the Schedules to this Act.".

13. Section 17 of the principal Act is amended and the Amendment following is substituted:

of section 17 of Cap. 318C.

- 17. There shall be payable to the Chief Business "Fees. Development Adviser in respect of the matters set out in the Second Schedule the fees specified in that Schedule in relation to those matters.".
- 14. The First and Second Schedules to the principal Act are Deletion deleted and the Schedule contained in the Schedule to this Act is and replacement substituted.

of First and Second Schedules to Cap. 318C.

15. The Third Schedule to the principal Act is amended by Amendment re-numbering that Schedule as the Second Schedule.

to Thrid Schedule to Cap. 318C.

SCHEDULE

(section 14)

"FIRST SCHEDULE

Small Business Development Act Cap. 318C

Form I

(section 4(2) and 15(c))

APPLICATION FOR APPROVED SMALL BUSINESS STATUS

(To be completed by compa	nies that have been	in operatio	n for more than one year)
Name including the Cor of Business			pany Incorporation No.
3. Date of Incorporation of		_	ered Office of Company
5. Type of Business			ipal Place of Business
7. DIRECTOR(S)			
i. Name (First, Middle and	•	_	ner First Name or Surnam
			••••••
ii. Present Nationality	iv. Nationality of	-	v. Place of Residence
vi. Residential Address	vii.Occupation		
viii. Any Other Business O	ccupation (if any)		ix. Signature

7. DIRECTOR(S) (Cont'd)		
i. Name (First, Middle and	Surname) ii. Any form	ner First Name or Surname
iii. Present Nationality		v. Place of Residence
vi. Residential Address	vii.Occupation	
viii. Any Other Business O		ix. Signature
i. Name (First, Middle and	l Surname) ii. Any for	mer First Name or Surname
iii. Present Nationality		
vi. Residential Address	vii. Occupation	
viii. Any Other Business Oc		ix. Signature
8. SHAREHOLDER(S)		
i. Name (First, Middle and		mer First Name or Surname
ii. Present Nationality	iv. Nationality of Orig	
vi. Residential Address	vii. Occupation	
viii. Any Other Business O		ix. Signature

8. SHAREHOLDER(S) (Cont'd	1)		
i. Name (First, Middle and Sur			st Name or Surname
iii. Present Nationality	iv. Nationality of Origin		Place of Residence
vi. Residential Address	vii. Occupation	•	
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viii. Any Other Business Occup	• •		Signature
9. Estimated investment in pla	ant and equipment	•••••	
10. Employees during last Finar (i) Full-time: (ii) Part-time.			
11. Sales for last Financial Year	, ,		
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12.	Particulars Re: -
	Levels of exports
	Foreign Exchange earnings for last Financial Year (\$BBD)
13.	Names of all other affiliated companies referred to in section 4(3)(c) of the Act
14.	Names of the Directors and Shareholders of affiliated companies and the number of shares held by them referred to in section $4(3)(c)$ of the Act
	Date of commencement of business, or date on which the business is likely to commence
16 (i) I herbydeclare anoath that there is no agreement for the payment of fees an a continuing basis formanagerial or other services to any person and that those services do not form part of the normal business operations of the enterprise.
(i	i) I herebydeclare an oath that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my know ledge, information and belief.
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FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY 17. Contact Information of Applicant business: Telephone No.: E-mail address: Fax No.: Application received by: Title of Officer: Date received: Signature: **Documents Received:** Liability discharged Yes No Certificate of Incorporation Certificate from Inland Revenue Certificate from Land Tax Department Certificate from Director Value Added Tax Division Certificate from National Insurance Department Audited Financial Statement - Year Review Engagement - Year

Comments:

Form IA

(section 4(2) and 15(c))

APPLICATION FOR APPROVED SMALL BUSINESS STATUS

(To be completed by companies that have been in operation for less than one year)

1. Name including the Corof Business		•	pany Incorporation No.
3. Date of Incorporation o			ered Office of Company
5. Type of Business			ipal Place of Business
7. DIRECTOR(S)			
i. Name (First, Middle and			ner First Name or Surname
iii. Present Nationality	iv. Nationality o	-	v. Place of Residence
vi. Residential Address	vii.Occupation		
viii. Any Other Business O	ccupation (if any)		ix. Signature
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7. DIRECTOR(S) (Cont'd))		
i. Name (First, Middle and			mer First Name or Surname
iii. Present Nationality	iv. Nationalit	y of Origin	v. Place of Residence
vi. Residential Address	vii.Occupatic	n	
viii. Any Other Business O	•	ny)	ix. Signature
i. Name (First, Middle and	d Surname)	ii. Any form	ner First Name or Surname
iii. Present Nationality	iv. Nationalit		v. Place of Residence
vi. Residential Address	vii.Occupatio		
viii. Any Other Business O	-		ix. Signature
8. SHAREHOLDER(S)			
i. Name (First, Middle and	l Surname)	ii. Any fori	ner First Name or Surname
iii. Present Nationality		nality of Orig	
vi. Residential Address	vii. Occ		
viii. Any Other Business O		ny)	ix. Signature

8.	SHAREHOLDER(S) (Cont'a	<i>l)</i>		
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i.	Name (First, Middle and Sur		Fir	st Name or Surname
iii.	Present Nationality	iv. Nationality of Origin	v.	Place of Residence
vi.	Residential Address	vii. Occupation		
vii	i. Any Other Business Occup		ix.	Signature
9.	Estimated investment in pla			
10	Estimated number of emplo (i) Full-time:(ii) Part-time			
11.	Estimated Annual Sales (\$B	BBD)		
12	. Estimated Foreign Exchang			

13.	Names of all other affilia	ted Companies referred to in section 4(3)(e) of the
1.4.	Date of commencement o	f Business or date on which the Business is likely to
15(i	is no agreement for the por other services to any	hereby declare on oath that there payment of fees on a continuing basis for managerial by person and that those services do not form part operations of the enterprise.
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16. F	OR OFFICIAL USE ONLY	
Contac	t information of Applicant business:	
Telepho	one No:	
E-mail	address: Fax No.:	
Applie	ıtion received by:	V0000000000000000000000000000000000000
Title of	Officer:	0170607083374437488888393440094
Date re	ceived:	342,092,6394,53446688468836088
Signatu	rre:	,64,000,,000,,000,,000,000,000,000,000,0
Docum	ents Received:	
		Liability discharged
		Yes No
	Certificate of Incorporation Certificate from Inland Revenue Certificate from Land Tax Department Certificate from Director Value Added Tax Division Certificate from National Insurance Department	١
	Audited Financial Statement - Year	
Comme	nts:	

Form II

(section 6(1))

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF NAME OF BUSINESS

1. New Name of Business	2. Previous Name of Business		
3. Company No.	4. Small Business Registration No		
5. Address of Registered Off	ĭce		
6. Mailing Address			
7. Date	Signature	Title	

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF NAME OF BUSINESS

INSTRUCTIONS

Item 1:

Set out full name of the business.

Item 2:

Set out in full the previous name of the business.

Item 3:

Except where a number has not yet been assigned, state company number.

Item 4:

Set out registration number of the business.

Item 5:

Set out in full the location of the registered office including street address and, if multi-office building, room number.

Item 6:

Mailing address may include post office box number, if mailing address is the same as item 5, state "same as above".

Signature:

Form IIA

(section 6(1))

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN NATURE OF BUSINESS

1. Nar	me of Business	2. Con	npany No.
3. Sma	all Business Registra	ation No.	
4. Ado	lress of Registered (Office	
5. Ma	iling Address	6. Nature of Business	
7. Pre	vious Nature of Bus	iness	
8.	Date	Signature	Title

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN NATURE OF BUSINESS

INSTRUCTIONS

Item 1:

Set out full name of the business.

Item 2:

Except where a number has not yet been assigned, state company number.

Item 3:

Set out the registration number of the business.

Item 4:

Set out in full the location of the registered office including street address and, if multi-office building, room number.

Item 5:

Mailing address may include post office box number, if mailing address is the same as item 4, state "same as above".

Item 6:

Set out in full the activity in which the business is now involved.

Item 7:

Set out in full, the previous activity in which the business was involved.

Signature:

Form III

(section 6(1))

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS

2. (Company No.
stration No.	
ed Office	
6. 1	Principal Place of Business
lace of Business	
Signature	Title
	ed Office 6. I

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS INSTRUCTIONS

Item 1:

Set out full name of the business.

Item 2:

Except where a number has not yet been assigned, state company number.

Item 3:

Set out registration number of the business.

Item 4:

Set out in full the location of the registered office including street address and, if multi-office building, room number.

Item 5

Mailing address may include post office box number, if mailing address is the same as item 4, state "same as above".

Item 6:

Set out in full the main location from which the business currently operates.

Item 7:

Set out in full, the main location from which the business operated previously.

Signature:

Form UC

(section 6(1))

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN REGISTERED OFFICE OF BUSINESS

1. Name of Business	2.	Company No.	
3. Small Business Regis	tration No.		
4. Address of Registered	d Office		
5. Previous address of F	Registered Office		
6. Mailing Address			
7. Date	Signature	Title	

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN REGISTERED OFFICE OF BUSINESS

INSTRUCTIONS

Item 1:

Set out full name of the business.

Item 2:

Except where a number has not yet been assigned, state company number.

Item 3:

Set out registration number of the business.

Item 4:

Set out in full the current location of the registered office including street address and, if multi-office building, room number.

Item 5:

Set out in full the previous location of the registered office including street address and, if multi-office building room number.

Item 6:

Mailing address may include post office box number, if mailing address is the same as item 4, state "same as above".

Signature:

Form III

(section 6(1))

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF DIRECTORS

1. Name of Business		2. Company No.					
3. Small Business Registration No							
4. Notice is given that on the the following person(s) was/were		day of appointed dire	20				
Name	Residential Address	Occupation	Any other Business (if any)	Present Nationality	Nationality Of Origin		
	tice is given that		day of	director(s):	20		
the following person(s) ceased to Name		Residential Address					
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6. The directors of the company as of this date are:

Name	Residential Address	Occupation	Any other Business (if any)	Present Nationality	Nationality Of Origin
•••					
7.	Date	Signatu	re	Title	

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF DIRECTORS

INSTRUCTIONS

Item 1:

Set out full name of the business.

Item 2:

Except where a number has not been assigned, state the company number.

Item 3:

Set out registration number of the business.

Item 4,5,6:

With respect to each Director:

- (a) set out first given name, initial and family name;
- (b) state full residentail address;
- (c) specify occupation clearly, e.g. manager, farmer, geologist;
- (d) specify whether director is involved in another business;
- (e) state nationality

Signature:

Form IIE

(section 6(1))

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF SHAREHOLDERS

1. Name of Business			2. Company No.			
3. Sma	ıll Business Re	gistration No.				
4. Not the	ice is given tha following perso	nt on theon(s) are appoi	day of inted sharehold	day of20 nted shareholder(s):		
Name	Residential Address	Occupation	Any other Business (if any)	Present Nationality	Nationality Of Origin	
	ice is given that following person		be shareholde	er(s):	20	
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6. The shareholders of the company as of this date are:

Name	Residential Address	Occur	pation	Any other Business (if any)	Present Nationality	Nationality Of Origin
- · · · · ·						
7.	Date	and the state of t	Signatur	e	Title	

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF SHAREHOLDERS

INSTRUCTIONS

Item 1:

Set out full name of the business.

Item 2:

Except where a number has not been assigned, state the company number.

Item 3:

Set out registration number of the business.

Item 4,5,6:

With respect to each shareholder:

- (a) set out first given name, initial and family name;
- (b) state full residential address;
- (c) specify occupation clearly, e.g. manager, farmer, geologist;
- (d) specify whether shareholder is involved in another business;
- (e) state nationality

Signature:

Form III

	(Section 5(3))
Company Incorporation No:	
Small Business Registration No.:	
CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION	
Name of Small Business	
I hereby certify that the above named Small Business was regist Small Business Development Act, Cap. 318C on the day	

Chief Business Development Adviser.".