

## Commission of Inquiry

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### AFFIDAVIT OF DEVREE HOLLIS

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I, **Devree Hollis**, of 6 Link Lane, Hamilton Parish, in the Islands of Bermuda do hereby solemnly and sincerely swear as follows:

1. Insofar as the matters deposed to herein are within my personal knowledge, they are true and insofar as they are not within my personal knowledge, they are true to the best of my knowledge information and belief.
2. I am the owner and founder of Bermuda Drywall & Ceilings Ltd ('BDCL'). I swear this affidavit in response to the subpoena issued by the Commission of Inquiry.
3. I set up BDCL in 2007. I closed it down in 2011 but in around 2015 reinstated it. So the company is currently operating.
4. I am the only shareholder of the company and this has always been the case. I also have been the only director. I deal with the law firm Simmons & Simmons who deals with all the legal issues.
5. We are currently about 3 employees but in 2008 we were much larger with around 20 employees.
6. I remember the Commercial Court fit out but not the details. The tendering process was handled by my project manager, Dalton Burgess. I have always focused on the field work

and operations. Dalton Burgess dealt with the financial side and tendering. He would have handled the tendering process for the Commercial Court contract as well as our tenders for the Corporation of Hamilton depot contract, the Perimeter Lane contract and several others. I was not involved. We also worked on the Dame Lois Evans building. We were a subcontractor for LLC Ltd. We carried out this project after the Commercial Court project.

7. I certainly had no contact with anyone at the Ministry before the award of the contract. I knew the Minister as I used to play cricket for Baileys Bay and Mr Burgess was a supporter. That was the extent of our relationship. I don't know about Mr Dalton Burgess' relationship the Minister but I don't believe they are related.
8. Leroy Robinson is my first cousin and I subcontracted all the electrical work to him. Again, I do not believe Mr Robinson has any connections with Government. The most expensive part was the millwork which we contracted out to a Canadian supplier. We just installed the millwork.
9. I have never made any political contributions and neither has the company. I may have made a small donation to a back to school drive. I remember receiving a call. If I did make a contribution, it would have been under \$500.
10. I have been asked why my company was awarded the contract. I don't know. I understand the technical officers had recommended a different company. One of our employees, Mr Hoope, worked for us for six months. Before that, he had worked for a company called Disc Drywall. He told me that he, with the owner of Disc Drywall, had one met Mr Lawrence Brady about a Government contract. Mr Hoope told me that Mr Brady had asked them 'If I give you this contract, what is in it for me?' and when they said that they did not work like that, that Mr Brady had told them that they would not get any Government work.
11. I don't have any old financial statements. My computers crashed after I closed down the company. I was living in the Dominican Republic at the time. I spent three years there.

12. My lawyers will have the corporate records and I will ask them to share the records with the Commission.

SWORN by the above named )  
Devree Hollis )  
In the City of Hamilton )  
In the Islands of Bermuda )  
on this <sup>27<sup>th</sup> OAS</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 2016 )



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BEFORE ME



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COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS/NOTARY PUBLIC

**Orlando A Smith**  
**Commissioner for Oaths**

