

Appendix 13). Most of the TCI investment capital comes from the USA and Europe. There is already a modest amount of Canadian investment in the Islands, primarily in the tourist industry (hotels), real estate development, banking and energy sectors. However, because of the TCI political history, the size and nature of its economy and Export Development Corporation's (EDC) limited resources it remains difficult for Canadian investors to have good access EDC funding for development projects.

A number of Canadian businesses, institutions and individuals have expressed an interest in obtaining information about the Islands, including investment opportunities there. (See: Appendix 14: Canadian firms interested in Exporting to the Turks and Caicos Islands; Appendix 15: Bestek Micro Devices and Systems Inc. letter; Appendix 16: Offers of Assistance; Appendix 17: Armand Associates letter; Appendix 18: Solway Energy Corporation letter; Appendix 19: Canadians Ready to Start Investments.)

During the week of February 13, 1989 US \$3.5 million in real estate sales were reportedly made in the TCI. This year it is estimated that a total of at least US \$600 million will be invested in the Islands, including the construction by Bovis International Limited of a UK Pounds 200 million hotel and villa complex on Parrot Cay, an uninhabited island in the Turks and Caicos. (See Appendix 20: "Deserted Island gets hotel".) Aside from the purchase of Parrot Cay, two other uninhabited TCI Islands have been recently bought, namely Dellis Cay and Big Ambergris Cay. A major hotel (over 100 rooms) reportedly is being planned for "Hotel Beach" on Grand Turk.

Based on the surge of interest from investors and developers, it is entirely possible that total estimated investment from all sources of US \$600 million in development could reach US \$1 billion. Such major projects normally involve extensive negotiations and lengthy development and construction stages.

The TCI Government has established the following sectoral priorities for the Islands' future development:

- 1) tourism;
- 2) fisheries and mariculture;
- 3) international financial services;
- 4) light industry, including handicrafts; and
- 5) agriculture.

Information on TCI Government policies and regulations directly related to investment in the Islands and development of these sectors was obtained from the Government and copies are attached. (See Appendix 13: Turks and Caicos Islands Investment Opportunities; Appendix 21: Government of the Turks