



# Newsletter

*The Official Monthly Newsletter of the  
Georgetown Chamber of Commerce & Industry*

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MEMBER OF  
THE MONTH



# *President's Message*

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*Mr. Timothy Tucker*

Dear Readers

Welcome to the monthly e-newsletter of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI),

This month's edition features GCCI's schedule of activities, important Chamber dates, a business and member of the month feature as well as greetings to our newest members.

October was an exciting month. GCCI served as the lead partner for the Guyana Basins Summit and successfully lobbied for visa-free travel to the United Kingdom for all Guyanese. The Chamber also took time out to recognize and support Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Among our other engagements were: meetings with numerous delegations, support of the World Food Day Expo 2022 and highlighting member companies' achievements.

I hope you have fun reading this month's edition!

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# *The Chamber Welcomes You On Board!*

As of October 2022, the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry embraced its newest cohort of members. We would like to take the opportunity to extend our warmest welcome to:

## October

1. Precision Cybertechnologies & Digital Solutions Ltd.
2. International Gas and Oil Trading Guyana Inc.
3. 286Be-OnG (Guyana) Inc.
4. Nextech Inc.
5. HRTM Consulting Inc.
6. Vp Imports
7. Alliance Group Inc.
8. Pieces and Things
9. Urban Oasis



# *GCCI's Month in Review -October*

## Guyana Basins' Summit 2022

The second edition of the Guyana Basins Summit (GBS) was held on October 4-6, 2022 at the new Pegasus Suites & Corporate Centre.

The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) was the lead partner for the event with organizational support from Mayson Blackhouse Guyana, Sagacity Inc., and international marketing company, Global Event Partners. The Principal Partner was Digicel Business.



Guyana Basins Summit



Guyana Basins Summit

“President of the GCCI, Mr. Timothy Tucker said that the Summit is an industry-specific conference dealing not just with Guyana but the basin, which includes Guyana, Suriname and French Guiana, by and large.”. He added that “It looks to foster relationships across the basin. It looks to engage. The GCCI would have been able to put its brand to this event for the benefit of its members and Guyanese at large.”

The participation rate of Guyanese entrepreneurs, Tucker explained, was very high compared to other conferences. And this is because the GCCI has been able to negotiate arrangements to make this so.

This year, GBS was centered around ‘Responsibly Developing the Region’s Resources for a Prosperous and Sustainable Future’.



Guyana Basins Summit



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## GCCI attended 'Made in Guyana' Certification Ceremony in Support of Barama

GCCI extends congratulations to Barama Company Limited on being awarded the 'Made in Guyana' Certification Mark for its plywood, on October 12, 2022, at the Certification Ceremony, hosted at Grand Coastal Hotel.

The 'Made in Guyana' certification mark is a registered mark that offers brand recognition to locally manufactured products.

Mr. Kester Hutson; Junior Vice President, GCCI, represented the chamber at this event. Also in attendance was Mr. Richard Rambarran; Executive Director, GCCI.



Guyana 'Certification' Ceremony

## Councilors of the GCCI met with Mr. Wazim Mowla

On October 6, 2022, Councilors of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) met with Mr. Wazim Mowla at the Marriott Hotel.

The focal points of the meeting sought to provide opinions on interests, opportunities and challenges within the business community; as well as discussions on potential collaborative and networking prospects.



Meeting with Mr. Mowla

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Meeting with EU Delegates

## GCCI met with Delegates from the European Union

On October 13, 2022, Executive Director of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI), Mr. Richard Rambarran, met with European Union Delegates: Ms. Evelina Melbarzde and Mr. Arkadiusz Szymanski, to discuss issues of mutual interest with an emphasis on fostering trade relations between Guyana's private sector and the European Union and the easy transit of Guyanese across European territories.

## GCCI Supported Ministry of Agriculture World Food Day Expo 2022

Councilors and Members of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI), well represented at the Ministry of Agriculture's Exhibition in observance of World Food Day, at the Albion Sports Complex, East Berbice Corentyne.

Come out for a time of food sampling, novelty games and more. See you at the Expo!



World Food Day Expo



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## Visa-Free Travel for Guyanese Citizens to the United Kingdom (UK)

The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) welcomes the decision of the United Kingdom (UK) to allow visa-free travel for Guyanese Citizens to the UK.

Since 2019, the GCCI, made formal representation to the Government of the UK to remove its requirement for Guyanese nationals to obtain a visa to enter the country. Since the onset of his time at the Chamber, GCCI's President, Mr. Timothy Tucker, has lobbied consistently for the removal of Visa restrictions and today the Chamber is proud to see this initiative come to fruition.

The Chamber is confident now more than ever that visa-free travel will foster deepened economic relations and promote private-sector development for both countries. The GCCI continues to be a national partner in economic growth by way of private sector development.



# *GCCI's Month in Review - October*

## French Delegation paid courtesy call on the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI).



On October 18, 2022, the GCCI's, President, Mr. Timothy Tucker, Executive Director, Mr. Richard Rambarran and Secretary, Ms. Shaleeza Shaw met with Mr. Nicolas De Lacoste; Ambassador of France in Suriname and Ambassador-designate to Guyana and CARICOM, Mr. Jacques Robin; Financial Advisor and Deputy of Service, Embassy of France in Colombia, Mr. Pierre Sentenac; Economic Advisor, Head of the Regional Economic Service, Embassy of France in Colombia and Mr. Pierre Gaté; Chargé d'affaires (Representative of the French Embassy in Guyana).



Meeting with French Delegation

Discussions included but were not limited to, the ongoing growth of Guyana's economic sectors with an emphasis on the forecasted growth of the agriculture and agro-processing sectors, trade and investment relations and the establishment of independent bilateral partnerships/communication between the Chamber and private sector business in France.

# *GCCI's Month in Review - October*

## GCCI met with the Ambassador of Finland to the Caribbean, His Excellency Pertti Ikonen



The Executive Director of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) and members of the Executive Management Committee met with the Ambassador of Finland, His Excellency Pertti Ikonen and his delegation on October 19, 2022.

The meeting served as a follow-up to the “Doing Business with Finland” Seminar in 2020 which emerged as a result of a partnership between the Chamber and Finnpartnership.



Meeting with Finland Ambassador

Low mercury mining in Guyana, bilateral commercial connections and the diversification of Guyana’s trade portfolio, particularly exports to Finland based on market needs assessment, were some of the subjects covered.

The Ambassador conveyed his delight to be back in Guyana as well as his willingness to continue partnering with the Chamber.



# *GCCI's Month in Review - October*

GCCI collaborated with Finland's Ambassador, His Excellency Pertti Ikonen, to host Business to Business (B2B) Session for its members



On October 19, 2022, the Ambassador of Finland, His Excellency Pertti Ikonen and his delegation in collaboration with the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) spearheaded a Business to Business (B2B) session for GCCI members, aimed at facilitating networking between businesses and discussing potential opportunities.



Business to Business Session

The session targeted businesses operating in the following sectors: Education, Information Communications Technology (ICT), The Green Economy with an emphasis on Sustainable forestry, Smart and Sustainable Port Development, Smart Forestry and Agriculture and Oil and Gas.

The Chamber remains committed to working with private-sector businesses to create new opportunities and foster meaningful relationships between its members and incoming missions.



# *GCCI's Month in Review - October*



GCCI met with the Sales Manager for Global Trading & Sourcing Corporation (GTS), Mr. Joe Sanchez

President of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI), Mr. Timothy Tucker, met with Mr. Joe Sanchez, Sales Manager, Global Trading & Sourcing Corporation (GTS), on October 20, 2022.

During the engagement, Mr. Tucker briefed Mr. Sanchez on the Chamber's history and objectives.

The two engaged in dialogues pertaining to Guyana's business environment and existing demands within the Oil and Gas, Mining and Agriculture sectors.

Mr. Sanchez also expressed his fascination with Guyana's fast-evolving economy as well as his interest in joining the Chamber and working with local companies in the area of Procurement and Supply services.



Meeting with Mr. Joe Sanchez

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## GCCI met with Mr. Nelson Rodriguez, Business Development Director of One Global Broking Limited

On October 26, 2022, GCCI's President, Mr. Timothy Tucker and Executive Director Mr. Richard Rambarran, met with Mr. Nelson Rodriguez; Business Development Director, One Global Broking Limited and Dr. Rosh Khan; President of ACE Consultancy.

During the engagement, Mr. Nelson formally introduced One global Broking Limited to the Chamber. One global is a London-based commercial insurance and reinsurance broker that has been in Guyana for about a year. The company's singular focus is improving the way in which businesses around the world manage risk via insurance.

Mr. Nelson expressed that the company's intent is to provide Guyana with technical support on risk management, claim handling and loss adjustment in Oil and Gas and other energy related projects. The company's ultimate goal is to bring to the Guyana's market, the actual capacity to be able to deal with oil and gas related risk management and insurance at the local level through the provision of Financial support to local insurance companies.



Meeting with Mr. Nelson Rodriguez

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## GCCI Hosted its Inaugural Breast Cancer Awareness Walk

The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI), hosted its inaugural Breast Cancer Awareness Walk for its members and the Private Sector in observance of Breast Cancer Awareness month on Sunday October 30, 2022.

The walk commenced at the Bank of Guyana, continued along Main Street and concluded at the Seawall Bandstand.

During his address, GCCI's President, Mr. Timothy Tucker, highlighted that the walk was indeed a momentous occasion for the Chamber and emphasized the importance of raising awareness for breast cancer as well as the need to support cancer survivors and remember those who lost the fight to breast cancer.

GCCI would like to extend profound thanks to all Private Sector entities and members who came out in their numbers to support this initiative.

Also, special thanks to Boxhill Company Enterprise Inc. and AquaFina Water & Ice Inc. for donating beverages.

The Chamber plans to add the Awareness walk to its annual calendar of events.



GCCI Breast Cancer Awareness Walk



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GCCI Breast Cancer Awareness Walk



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## GCCI's Construction Committee Meets with Government Technical Institute (GTI)

On October 31, 2022, GCCI's Construction committee met with the Government Technical Institute's (GTI) Principal, Ms. Renita Crandon-Duncan and Welfare Officer, Ms. Alero Proctor. During the engagement, Mr. Howard had the opportunity to give a synopsis of the Chamber's role and its sub-committees by extension.

The Committee's chair, Mr. Howard pointed out the need for a deepened relationship between the two entities, particularly through GTI's apprenticeship programme and curriculum development.

Mr. Howard also expressed the Chamber's willingness to support the work of the institute where necessary. In this regard, Mrs. Crandon-Duncan highlighted a few areas in which the Chamber will be able to provide assistance to the institute as well as some much-needed interventions.



Meeting with GTI

# UPCOMING EVENTS

A promotional banner for the Business Development Forum 2022. The banner features the GCCI logo (a shield with 'GCCI' and 'Est 1889') on the left. To the right of the logo, the text 'BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FORUM 2022' is written in large, bold, white capital letters. Further right is a circular graphic composed of a grid of colored dots (green, yellow, red, blue) forming a map of Guyana. Below this, the dates 'NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> & 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2022' are displayed in bold black text, followed by the website 'WWW.GCCI.GY/BDF' in yellow. A large QR code is centered in a white rounded square. At the bottom, the text 'VENUE: PEGASUS CORPORATE CENTRE' is written in bold white capital letters on a black background. The background of the banner is a mix of white and black geometric shapes.

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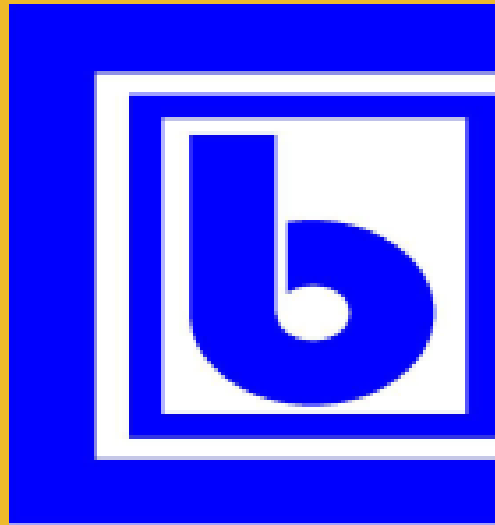
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**VENUE: PEGASUS CORPORATE CENTRE**





## *Business Feature for the Month of October*



Guyana which lies on the Northern Coast of the continent of South America possesses lush rainforest with a large variety of species. This beautiful land is home to Barama Company Limited (BCL) nestled on the Eastern Bank of the Demerara River in the humble village of Land of Canaan. A vibrant company known for Plywood Manufacturing has concretized its existence for more than thirty (30) years.

Established in 1991 by foreign investors Samling Global & Sunkyong Limited during Guyana's economic reformation, the Company has transformed through many cycles and is now a Guyanese-led operation with the support of Samling Global (wholly owned investor).

To date, we are second to none in Plywood Manufacturing in the Caribbean. Our focus is on our core product and the continuous efforts we have been making with regard to product improvement. BCL produces tropical hardwood plywood of excellent quality mainly from the species such as Baromalli, Maho, and Ulu. All dense, stable, tropical species which has been tested and found 'suitable' for plywood manufacturing. Three categories of plywood are manufactured (S2S, S1S, and OES/WBP) in different grades and thicknesses from 4 mm to 18 mm for indoor and outdoor end uses in furniture manufacture, construction, and decoration.

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