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FIRST MEETING OF THE SMALL BUSINESS BOARD

The first meeting of the newly created Small Business Board was recently held. This meeting was chaired by the Minister for Tourism, Public Transport & the Port, the Hon. Neil Costa, where an agenda was agreed by those present, as well as the frequency of meetings required to effect substantive progress on matters of importance to the business community. As a result, the Board will meet initially on a monthly basis.

This Board is comprised of representatives of the industry including the Gibraltar Chamber of Commerce, the Gibraltar Federation of Small Businesses and private business entities. This Board will be the form to facilitate the concerns of the business community on such vital issues as streamlining business procedures.

Commenting on this initial meeting Minister Costa said, "I am thrilled at the very productive outcome of this meeting and the very positive attitude of all the Board members. Small businesses form the backbone of our economy and must be nurtured so that they continue to generate wealth and employment opportunities for our people".