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Gibraltar's Minister for Commerce Invited to Latin American Bitcoin and Blockchain Conference in Santiago

Visit to Chile will see Minister Isola participate in panel discussion on regulating and attracting blockchain firms

Gibraltar - December XX, 2018 - Gibraltar's Minister for Commerce, The Hon Albert Isola MP, has been invited to participate in a panel discussion on Wednesday, 5th December, at the Latin American Bitcoin and Blockchain Conference (LABITCONF) taking place in Centro Cultural CorpArtes, Santiago, Chile. The 3 day conference will explore all aspects of the DLT community and specifically strategies that countries can adopt to attract blockchain companies and regulate the industry.

Gibraltar's Minister for Commerce, The Hon Albert Isola MP, said, "LABITCONF has built strong momentum as a platform for high level blockchain debate since its inception in 2013 and is the major DLT Blockchain conference in Latin America. I look forward to taking part in a dynamic panel discussion on the strategies countries can adopt to not only attract blockchain companies, but bring sustainable regulation to their jurisdictions."

LABITCONF, held annually since 2013, brings together some of the world's brightest minds and top speakers within the space, facilitating collaboration and discussion between a wide variety of leading industry players from more than 20 countries, exploring the full potential of blockchain technology. Minister Isola will be joined on the panel by Joey García, Fintech/Blockchain Financial Services Partner at ISOLAS LLP; Jacob Farber, Partner at Ouroboros LLP Blockchain Law & Strategic Consulting; Pablo Coirolo, Founder of CryptoBay Montevideo; and Juan Llanos, Founder at Multiple Startups and Blockchain Compliance Advisor.

During the conference, Minister Isola will also meet with a number of representatives of Gibraltar firms based in South America. For HM Government of Gibraltar, this represents the first time officials have visited South America exclusively for blockchain focused business. Already this year, Minister Isola has appeared at a number of high profile international conferences and events geared towards blockchain exploration including November's DC Fintech Week in Washington, as well as Gibraltar Day in Tel Aviv in October, underlining Gibraltar's credentials as a leading blockchain jurisdiction with global reach.

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“As the wider blockchain ecosystem continues to evolve at a fast pace, the importance of regulation has never been more pronounced. Following a very exciting year, in which Gibraltar successfully introduced a purpose-built legislative Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT) framework and subsequently granted DLT licences to a number of firms, I look forward to outlining my perspective on how to best shape a sustainable regulatory framework alongside my esteemed panelists,” concluded Minister Isola.

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Minister for Commerce, The Hon Albert Isola MP is available for interview

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About Gibraltar

A British Overseas Territory, Gibraltar is a self-governing and self-financing democracy that has established itself globally as a reliable centre for the blockchain and digital assets industry. In January 2018, Gibraltar became the very first jurisdiction globally to introduce legislation around Distributed-Ledger-Technology (DLT), and has since asserted its position as a leading blockchain and cryptocurrency hub. With Gibraltar’s core values of regulation, reputation and speed to market at the foundation of its efforts within the blockchain industry, Gibraltar is now globally renowned for its commitment to creating a sustainable and secure regulatory framework for blockchain, as well as being one of the leading proponents in the advancement of the technology.

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About The Hon Albert Isola MP

The Honourable Albert Isola MP is Gibraltar’s Minister for Commerce with the primary responsibility of raising Gibraltar’s profile as an established onshore, mainstream, well-regulated financial services centre. Working closely with the financial services regulator, the Financial Services Commission, he is responsible for financial services policy, product development, and responding to international initiatives such as international tax compliance. Minister Isola played a leading role in the establishment of the Gibraltar International Bank, a first for Gibraltar as a home-grown full-service credit institution.