

Press Statement
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Nassau, Bahamas, March 18, 2010 – On Wednesday March 17, 2010 I was alerted to the lead story on the front page of The Tribune. The story which headlined: **\$500,000 Govt contract probe**, sought to report that the Office of the Auditor General is investigating the payment of funds to a Bahamian company - SABL (Bahamas) Ltd., for the training of workers in the operational and technical aspects of solid waste management. **I wish to state emphatically that I do not have and never have had any connection or affiliation with SABL (Bahamas) Ltd.**

What I find perplexing is the fact that I am mentioned in the fourth paragraph of that front-page article. This is despite the fact that SABL (Bahamas) Limited nor its shareholders Judson Wilmott and Prince Wallace, have absolutely no beneficial ownership in BK Holdings Ltd. **or** any private company in which I have an interest. The obvious inference contained in the text links SABL with BK Holdings of which I am a beneficial owner. The factual reality is that these companies are not linked in any way, shape or form.

I can only deduce that the association of my name to this story is clearly designed to link me to a company whose conduct is now being held in question. I interpret it as deliberate mischievousness and an attempt to sully my name. I would hope that this is not the work of those who would seek to detract from the message I am sending about the destruction of our environment, in particular what is happening at Saunders Beach. However they can rest assured that I do not intend to loosen the reins on the Saunders Beach and the Arawak Cay Port Re-development issue. Nor will I become silenced on any issue that negatively impacts my country and its people.

I remain committed to the cause for a better Bahamas.