

RATING RELEASE

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**CariCRIS reaffirms overall 'high creditworthiness' ratings for
Massy Holdings Limited**

<i>CariAA+</i>	Regional Scale Foreign Currency
<i>CariAA+</i>	Regional Scale Local Currency
<i>ttAA+</i>	Trinidad & Tobago National Scale Foreign Currency
<i>ttAA+</i>	Trinidad & Tobago National Scale Local Currency

Caribbean Information and Credit Rating Services Limited (CariCRIS) has reaffirmed the assigned issuer/corporate credit ratings of *CariAA+* (Foreign and Local Currency Ratings) on its regional rating scale, and *ttAA+* (Foreign and Local Currency Ratings) on the Trinidad and Tobago (T&T) national scale to Massy Holdings Limited (Massy) with a **stable** outlook. These ratings indicate that the level of creditworthiness of this obligor, adjudged in relation to other obligors in the Caribbean and within T&T is **high**.

Our stable outlook is based on our expectation that the Group's stable revenues and ongoing implementation of cost optimization initiatives will continue to support profitable operations over the next 12 to 15 months, notwithstanding constraints faced in its main operating territories of Trinidad and Tobago and Barbados. In addition, we are closely monitoring the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) on global and regional economies and financial markets, which, if continued for a prolonged period, can adversely affect revenue and the overall creditworthiness of all our rated entities¹.

Massy's ratings reflect its moderate industry diversification and good market position which reduces the impact of severe economic downturns on the Group's performance. Also supporting the ratings is the Group's portfolio of complementary businesses that promotes cross selling and value chain maximization. Furthermore, the Group's strong cash flows and healthy debt protection metrics continue to drive its solid financial performance. These rating strengths are tempered by continued weak economic performance in T&T and Barbados which places downward pressure on the Group's

¹ Please refer to our media release dated Friday March 20, 2020.

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profitability, as well as restrictions to accessing US\$ liquidity in T&T which continues to adversely impact business operations.

Rating Sensitivity Factors:

Factors that may lead to an improvement in the ratings and/or outlook:

- An improvement in the CariCRIS credit rating of the GoRTT

Factors that may lead to a lowering of the ratings and/or outlook:

- Decline in operating cash flows of above 30% leading to a deterioration in effective DSCR to < 1.2 times
- A lowering of CariCRIS' sovereign credit risk rating of the GoRTT

About the company

Massy Holdings Limited (Massy) has its genesis in 1932 when Neal Engineering Company Limited led by Harry Neal, and Massy Limited headed by Charles Massy merged to establish Neal & Massy Engineering Company Limited. In 1958, the Company continued its expansion and listed on the Trinidad and Tobago Stock Exchange. The Group rebranded in 2014 to form a unified brand and create a common identity. The holding company name was formally changed from Neal & Massy Holdings Limited to Massy Holdings Limited.

Massy is one of the largest conglomerates in the region comprising of over 60 companies with a presence in the automotive, industrial equipment, energy and industrial gases, retail, distribution, consumer finance, insurance, information technology and communication industries.

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