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## PRESS RELEASE

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**THE CBS CONDUCTS A CONJUNCTURE SURVEY IN BONAIRE,  
CURACAO AND SINT MAARTEN**

On July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007 the Central Bureau for Statistics will conduct a Conjuncture Survey in Bonaire, Curacao and Sint Maarten. The purpose thereof is to supply on regular basis (twice a year in Curacao, Bonaire and St. Maarten,) and once a year in Saba and Sint Eustatius current information about business and economic developments.

The survey will be conducted amongst all businesses with ten or more employees but a sample survey ('steekproef') will be carried out in businesses with fewer than ten employees.

In July CBS interviewers will approach 869 businesses in total (73 in Bonaire, 546 in Curacao, 213 in St. Maarten) and will distribute the questionnaires to the businesses. If requested, the interviewer will help the business to fill out the questionnaire. Many businesses will also receive notice of survey by e-mail.

The questions deal with turnover acquired, investments made, the competitive status and the company's staff situation over the first 6 months of 2007. Additionally, a few questions relate to the entrepreneur's perception of a number of indicators and his/her confidence in the coming period. With the help of this information, the government and entrepreneurs can take better, quicker and well-founded decisions.

The input of the private sector in the survey is, of course, essential for the success thereof. Therefore, the CBS appeals to all businesses approached to cooperate with the survey.

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