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### **PRESS RELEASE**

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#### **ATTIC WARNS: TAKE PRECAUTIONS DURING BAD WEATHER.**

This morning the Met office warned that *“There is a very active Tropical Wave near 51W/52W {Southern Windward Islands} with an associated low pressure system which is expected to intensify to become a Tropical Depression during the next 2 days.”* While Trinidad and Tobago is not under any tropical storm threat, watch or warning, there is the possibility of very severe weather conditions due to this tropical depression. ATTIC therefore wishes to reiterate the importance of observing precautionary measures in case of flooding and earth slippage etc.

To this effect we are appealing to citizens to be prepared for flooding and other potential disasters that may result from the expected inclement weather.

#### **Here are some useful tips:**

- Ensure that children are safe and pets are well secured.
- Avoid water courses.
- Be cautious when driving on wet roads and in low lying areas prone to flooding.
- Secure important documents in a water proof bag in a safe place.
- Prepare an emergency kit containing first aid items, flashlights, batteries, adequate water, emergency contact numbers and shelter locations etc.

#### **We also wish to advise insured persons who sustain flood losses of the following:-**

- Immediately notify your Insurance Company, agent or broker of any potential claims.
- Present bills, photographs or some proof of ownership of lost items to support your claim, if possible.
- If your building or vehicle has been damaged, submit estimates for repairs along with a claim form.
- Expect to hear from the Insurance Adjuster who will visit the location where the loss occurred to verify the claim.
- Please note that policies may require the policyholder to bear a percentage of the first part of a loss (excess or deductible) which is either 1% or 2% of the sum insured.

**The public is encouraged to pay close attention to the information and instructions being issued by the Meteorological Office of Trinidad and Tobago and the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management (ODPM).**

Here are some useful links: <http://www.metoffice.gov.tt/>, <http://odpm.gov.tt/>. For the ODPM's mobile app (Android and iOS): <http://www.odpm.gov.tt/node/849>.

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