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**Freeport, Grand Bahama ISLAND** – Since moving to Grand Bahama in 1955 Harold Ricardo Hardesty Waugh has become a pillar to the local community through both business and philanthropy.

Born in Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas to the late Corinne (nee – deGregory) and Harold Waugh in 1928, Harold “Sonny” Waugh completed his early education at various schools in the capital including St. Francis Xavier Academy and Government High School. In 1944 he was accepted to the University of Pennsylvania where his pursuit of a career in dentistry began but had to be discontinued after his third year, because of the overwhelming enrollment of US Service men and women at universities across the United States, following the end of World War II.

Upon returning to the Bahamas in 1947, Mr. Waugh began laying the foundation for what would eventually become his professional legacy, beginning with his employment at the then prestigious Carlton House Hotel, where he was quickly promoted to manager of Restaurant and Bar Operations. His subsequent positions with companies such as Esso Standard Oil and Standard Plumbing also helped mold Mr. Waugh into the business savvy man who would go on to develop Waugh Construction (Bahamas) Limited into the successful company it is known today.

His life was not all work though, in 1952, Harold Waugh married the late Alice Bowman Kane, fathering three sons: Gregg, Godfrey, Brian and one daughter, Lee Waugh Malone.

Now, 82 years of age, Harold Waugh has always felt confident that Grand Bahama would play a major part in the future of the Bahamas. It was the reason he moved his family to West End, Grand Bahama in 1955. His work began with the formation of an Esso Standard Oil Distributorship. A year later, in 1956, Harold constructed the West End Service Center and Yacht Haven through which he supplied the Jack Tar West End Hotel and facilities with Esso Standard Oil products.

In 1962, Harold made his first foray into the world of Construction as a part of a joint venture with another entrepreneur to form West End Construction Company. Two years later he sold his shares in that company and founded Waugh Construction (Bahamas) Limited a year later.

For the past 45 years Waugh Construction (Bahamas) Limited, a forward planning company, has been providing a full spectrum of civil construction services not only in Grand Bahama but all across the Bahamas, an accomplishment of which he is very

proud. "I am a very happy man. I enjoyed my life and working throughout The Bahamas. Our slogan, 'Building sustainable infrastructure today... for a Better Tomorrow' expresses the integrity we've put into every project we've undertaken, from Walker's Cay in the Northwest to Mayaguana in the Southeast," he said. "I had many enjoyable times on those islands carrying on with my work there" he added. With an impressive client list which includes The Bahamas Government, The Grand Bahama Port Authority, Vopak Terminal Bahamas and well known international companies which includes Spinello Construction in the US; Garney Company of Kansas; and North West Water of Manchester, United Kingdom, Waugh Construction (Bahamas) Limited continues to expand its reach and its brand of services in this ever adapting world. Not to be seen as one dimensional, Waugh Construction (Bahamas) Limited provides water containment solutions through its Permastore Tanks & Silos distributorship to The Bahamas, Aruba, Belize, Cayman Islands, Jamaica and other parts of the region.

Despite his many accomplishments in business however, Harold Waugh is most proud of his work outside of the business world, making countless contributions to such charities as the Bahamas National Trust where he served as the first Chairman of its Freeport Branch, serving in that capacity for several years during which time he was instrumental in securing a long lease for the Lucayan National Park.

Harold's company, Waugh Construction (Bahamas) Limited, has contributed substantially to the development of the Grand Bahama Humane Society animal care centre.

In 1964, Harold "Sonny" Waugh was accepted as a member of the Rotary Club of Freeport where he has maintained a perfect attendance record over the years and is known affectionately as "Mr. Rotary". His tireless dedication to the Grand Bahama community through Rotary has earned him countless accolades including the coveted Certificate of Service to the community by Queen Elizabeth II which he received in 1998.

He was recognized in 2005 with a Lifetime Achievement Award for Engineering and Construction, and again in 2008 for his work with the Grand Bahama Chamber of Commerce, where he received a Lifetime Achievement Award for the Most Excellent Business.

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