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### CGF ATTRACTS ANOTHER LADY HONORARY PATRON - DEVI SANKAREE GOVENDER

There's no doubt the axiom 'dynamite comes in small packages' holds true for CGF Research Institute (Pty) Ltd and its growing team of dedicated employees, who have established a strong market presence in the area of governance, risk and compliance reporting. The company has been in operation since March 2004 and has seen a steadily growing customer base, with strong business strategic alliances.

Expectedly -- and within the arena of corporate governance matters -- CGF is placed in a position to assist its clients to making some very important, and often strategic decisions wherein governance issues are raised. In this regard, whilst CGF is cited as a leading governance research establishment, there are times when the most well researched material cannot provide the answers sought after by our member clients and partners. This is typically when one needs to apply the 'old fashioned brain' approach, which somehow still manages to override the most complex computer systems. It is in this vein that CGF attaches its value to the loyal support of our Honorary and Corporate Patrons, each who play a special role within CGF and serve in an advisory capacity when called upon by CGF's executive management.

Accordingly, we are delighted to announce that the well-known investigative journalist, *Ms Devi Sankaree Govender* has accepted an Honorary Patron role within CGF, and who joins the ranks of Professor Shirley Zinn and Dr Mathews Phosa. Devi is certainly no stranger in the media, and whilst she has been a familiar face on M-Net's award winning investigative programme, *Carte Blanche*, we are certain to receive much assistance regarding her invaluable business insights and experience which will bring a new and dynamic dimension to CGF's business of governance desktop reporting.

As most South Africans who are familiar with the M-Net *Carte Blanche* television show will know, nothing is left to chance and their investigative journalism turns over every stone. The passion of the *Carte Blanche* team to discover the real story, has allowed the programme to scoop many awards. Similarly, CGF is excited to have Devi on board, fully expecting her passion for truth -- not least her vibrancy -- to energise CGF even further into the future.

Devi has a wealth of knowledge; she is the epitome of the modern day woman who knows the value and importance of equality in the workplace and society. Whilst she has deep roots in KwaZulu-Natal through her formative schooling years, also completing her post graduate studies and MBA at the University of Natal, today Devi finds herself travelling around the world and South Africa as an investigative television journalist. Devi is the anchor for *Carte Blanche* Consumer and is one of the primary journalists for M-Net's flagship programme, *Carte Blanche*. Devi joined *Carte Blanche* in 2002 and prior to this she spent ten years on SABC Radio, where she worked as a talk show host and current affairs anchor.

Arguably, her successes to date could not have happened without the excellent print journalism work she was grounded upon, covering positions at the *Sunday Times* as a Feature's Editor and a monthly columnist (a position she still occupies) amongst many other positions.



Ms Devi Sankaree Govender accepts an Honorary Patronship from Terry Booyesen (CGF: CEO)

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Devi's professional business approach and attitude has earned her many prestigious awards over the last 17 years. These awards were bestowed upon her in either her individual capacity or where she was part of a production team; some of the more recent ones being:

- 2009 -- Vodacom Journalist of the Year: Western Regional Winner (TV Category). Story: Fishy
- 2009 -- SAB Environmentalist & Environmental Journalists of the Year Award: Merit (Broadcast category). Story: Fishy
- 2009 -- Taco Kuiper Award for Investigative Journalism: Runner Up. Story: In Sheep's Clothing
- 2009 -- European Union Award for Humanitarian Journalism: Winner -- African Region. Story: Medical Abortions
- 2009 -- Citadel Breaking News Electronic Award. Story: Debt Admin
- 2009 -- SAFTA Best News & Actuality. Story: Hospital Rates
- 2010 -- SAFTA Best News & Actuality. Story: Inge Lotz Murder
- 2010 -- Nomination: Most Influential Women in Business & Government Awards -- Telecommunications Sector
- 2010 -- Nomination: Women in Media Award
- 2010 -- Taco Kuiper Award for Investigative Journalism: Runner Up. Story: Chickens

Apart from Devi's journalism career, she has also been a Corporate Media Consultant since 2001 which comes as no surprise given her background in the field of education and multi-media broadcasting. In this role, Devi has developed and executed a training programme for many corporate businesses which tutors executive and senior management with ways to effectively deal with the media.

CGF is honored to have Devi Sankaree Govender amongst our ranks. We believe her business experiences and personal accomplishments will bolster the work being done within CGF, further setting an example of exemplary business leadership for the leaders of business in South Africa.

### ***About CGF Research Institute (Pty) Ltd***

CGF is a Proudly South African company that specialises in conducting desktop research on Governance, Risk and Compliance (GRC) related topics. The company has developed numerous products that cover GRC reports designed to create a high-level awareness and understanding of issues impacting a CEO through to all employees of the organisation.

Through CGF's strategic partners -- supported by our Corporate Patrons, *ContinuitySA* and *Spescom* -- our capabilities extend to GRC management consulting, executive placements, executive mentoring and the facilitation of Corporate Governance and Risk Awareness workshops. To find out more about CGF, its patrons and their respective services, access [www.cgf.co.za](http://www.cgf.co.za) or [www.corporate-governance.co.za](http://www.corporate-governance.co.za)

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