

THE FREEPORT OPERATORS ASSOCIATION OFFERED AN AWARD OF MERIT TO BOI FOR THE SUCCESS OF MIIF 2011.

Members of the Freeport Operators Association (FOA) of Mauritius paid a courtesy visit to the Board of Investment on 13th July 2011. This visit was made in recognition of the full participation of FOA in a series of international business meets organized by the BOI recently. The courtesy meeting at BOI was marked by the handing over of an **Award of Merit** to BOI by the President of FOA, Mr Hornali Pirbhai, for the overwhelming success of the Mauritius International Investment Forum that BOI organized from 15th to 16th June.



Mr Hornali Pirbhai, President of FOA (right) handing the Award of Merit to Mr Prakash Maunthroo, MD of BOI (left)

Mr. Hornali Pirbhai, President of FOA, recognized that the organization of such high profile international business meets, like the Mauritius International Investment Forum (MIIF) will further open the economy to new opportunities, and investment will surely flow in the Freeport sector. It was also highlighted that the opportunity given to FOA to participate fully in these international business meets was concluded by numerous high profile contacts in international trade and commerce.

The visit aimed further at fostering a healthy and fruitful relationship between both FOA and BOI, and equally allowed both parties to exchange strategic views. Both parties expressed the need to elaborate on a concerted longer term strategic vision of the Freeport to boost the sector to the next level of development. Both parties also took the opportunity to discuss about the key ingredients of a successful Freeport strategy to further develop the Mauritius Freeport as the Regional trade, warehousing and distribution centre.

It should be noted that FOA has been invited to make representations in light of the forthcoming Budget Speech for this year. A strategic paper will be produced and Mr. Hornali Pirbhai promised to share their valuable vision to government, as well as actionable Freeport proposals.