



GREAT BAY:--- Executive Director of the Tallahassee-Sint Maarten Foundation (TLH-SXMF) Arthur (Arturo) Lugisse is encouraging businesses and educational institutions to make use of the offer of King Arthur's Tools.

King Arthur's Tools is not new to Sint Maarten. In 2009, representatives of the company met with business and educational leaders with reference to the available opportunities for the island.

The company offers a unique range of carving and finishing tools and is actively committed to developing innovative products.

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King Arthur's Tools has established and developed diverse proven markets that include: professional and amateur word workers, wood carvers, and sculptors, wood turners, builders and electricians, flooring and general construction, home and boat re-modellers, and musical instrument makers.



Lugisse says the island could become a distribution point for tools and products made on the island – "Made in Sint Maarten".

"I foresee a multiple number of opportunities for the island. The company has been experiencing an increase in their market share globally. Considerable investments have been made in the Tallahassee and the company is now looking at Sint Maarten based on the sister-city agreement that exist between the city of Tallahassee and Sint Maarten.

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"Besides Sint Maarten businesses acting as a dealers for the tools that this company sells, our own carpenters can consider pursuing the avenue of making handmade wood work tourist souvenirs 'Made in Sint Maarten' to sell to tourists and even for export. The potential is there, but we need the entrepreneurship spirit to get it moving.



"King Arthur's Tools also donated tools and materials for two schools to re-institute their wood working programs for students. Here again is another opportunity where students can make souvenir items and other furniture and sell it besides gaining the technical experience," Executive Director of the TLH-SXMF Arthur Lugisse told the Government Information Service (GIS) on Thursday.

Businesses and educational institutions seeking to explore and develop programs/projects/policies/products/services in conjunction with entities out of Tallahassee for Sint Maarten can contact the TLH-SXMF at 850 212 2914 or via its website www.tlh-sxmf.org

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