

**ST. GEORGE'S, GRENADA, 22 DECEMBER 2011-** The intervention of Prime Minister Tillman Thomas has led to a breakthrough in the impasse between the Grenada Technical and Allied Workers Union and the management of the Grenada Breweries Limited (GBL).

The Prime Minister on Wednesday held an hour long meeting with representatives of the Union, prior to engaging senior officials of the GBL, to seek a resolution to the impasse.

Prime Minister Thomas said “the expansion of industrial action is not in anyone’s interest, especially at this season. I took the decision, after negotiations had broken down, to engage both sides to resolve this matter and I am pleased that an agreement has been reached.”

“I am pleased that good sense has prevailed and that this situation has come to an end,” the Prime Minister said today, adding that his government’s priority is the maintenance of a peaceful industrial climate where both the interest of workers and employers are respected.

The Prime Minister expressed his appreciation to the Grenada’s Trades Union Council (TUC), the GTAWU and the Management of the Breweries for bringing the industrial action to an end.

He said his government looks forward to the return of a stable and peaceful economic climate in Grenada, following recent disputes between unions and employers.

The Grenadian leader also told a meeting with members of the Grenada Trades Union Council this morning his government’s recognised the contribution of the labor movement, and its members for their contribution to the economic development of the country.

He however suggested that the importance of the private sector’s contribution to national development must also be appreciated.

“We must all do what is right for our country and for the people of Grenada,” He said, noting that the rights of all stake holders must be respected.

The Grenadian leader reiterated his respect for the Grenada Constitution, which guarantees the right of the organs and institutions of the state, such as the Royal Grenada Police Force, to function independently, in the maintenance of a peaceful environment.