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**CARIBBEAN UTILITIES COMPANY, LTD.
LISTED FOR TRADING IN U.S. FUNDS ON
THE TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE/TRADING SYMBOLS: CUP.U
AND CUP.PR.U**

**CARIBBEAN UTILITIES COMPANY, LTD. ANNOUNCES
QUARTERLY DIVIDEND INCREASE , TWO-FOR-ONE
CLASS A ORDINARY SHARE SPLIT, AND REGULAR QUARTERLY
DIVIDEND PAYABLE ON 8% CLASS C, SERIES 2 PREFERENCE SHARES**

Grand Cayman-Caribbean Utilities Company, Ltd. ("CUC" or the "Company") announced today that the Board of Directors has declared an increase in the Class A Ordinary Share quarterly dividend from US\$0.1625 (CI\$0.13542) to US\$0.18 (CI\$0.15) per share. This represents a 10.7% increase to US\$0.72 per share on an annualised basis. The dividend will be payable on December 5, 1997 to shareholders of record on November 14, 1997.

The Company also announced that, subject to regulatory and shareholder approvals, it is proposing a two-for-one Class A Ordinary Share split. The resolutions approving the same will be presented to the shareholders for their consideration and approval at the Annual General and Special Meeting to be held on October 15, 1997 in Grand Cayman. Details of the two-for-one share subdivision are contained in the Information Circular being mailed to shareholders. The mailing date for distributing Letters of Transmittal will be determined after the Annual General and Special Meeting.

CUC announced further that the Board of Directors declared the regular quarterly dividend of US\$2.00 per 8% Cumulative Fixed Term Class C, Series 2 Preference Share payable on October 31, 1997 to shareholders of record on October 10, 1997. CUC's Class A Ordinary and 8% Cumulative Fixed Term Class C, Series 2 Preference Shares are listed for trading in U.S. funds on The Toronto Stock Exchange (trading symbols - **CUP.U** and **CUP.PR.U**).

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