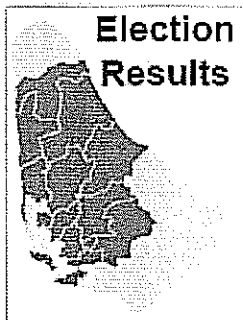


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Cost-U-Less opens

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Cost-u-less opened its doors to the public today.

And scores of Barbadians were there for the much anticipated opening.

The hot sun did not stop Barbadians from lining up to be among the first customers at Cost-U-Less, when the international warehouse store opened its doors for the first time Saturday morning.

The multi-million dollar facility at Welches, St Thomas is offering everything from electronics, furniture and other household items to foodstuff and more.

Cost-U-Less is a subsidiary of the Northwest Company.

President and chief operating officer of the Northwest Company International Rex Wilhem says Barbadians will find a variety of local products on sale.

President and CEO of the Northwest Company Canada Edward Kennedy says they are here to serve Barbadians and will be open to suggestions.

Friday a senior management official refuted claims that Cost-U-Less was benefiting from unfair concessions.

During the recent election campaign it was said that Cost-U-Less had been allowed to import its merchandise duty free

But vice president of operations and general manager Tom Kallio says they still pay the same duties and go through the VAT process.

105 Barbadians are employed at the new store.

During the official opening Cost-U-Less donated ten thousand dollars to the Diabetes Association of Barbados.

Public relations officer Kenrick Corbin says the funds will help with their mobile outreach programme.

He says the association currently goes to various events to help sensitise Barbadians about the disease and are hoping to have a vehicle soon to do even more work in this respect.