

# The National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited

## NGC's continues support for development of cricket

The National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago (NGC) has extended its sponsorship of cricket, now reaching a total of TT\$10 million over the 2011-2013 period. Mr. Indar Maharaj, NGC's President, and Mr. Azim Bassarath, President of the Trinidad and Tobago Cricket Board (TTCB) recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on June 5, 2012 to govern the responsibilities and obligations of both sides over the period May 2012 to December 2013.

According to Mr. Maharaj, NGC forged the alliance with the TTCB because of the talent and passion of young people for the game of cricket and the role sport can play in the development of individuals and the nation. Referring to the great Trinbagonian novelist C.L.R. James' classic book 'Beyond a Boundary', and the lessons learnt on the cricket field that developed the author's self-discipline and sense of values, the NGC President said this epitomized the critical role played by sport in human and social development, and which explains NGC's support for youth development, and, in particular, sporting activities, especially when young people were involved.

"It is because of this, NGC has decided to be one of the mainstays of the partnership dubbed "The Ultimate Power-play", he said at the media function.

According to the TTCB, Mr. Bassarath said that every cent of funding in the partnership had been tagged to a defined element or programme of the Cricket Board. Between May-December 2012, twelve (12) areas were identified for positive consideration.

These were -

- The premiership T-20 Festival
- Premiership 50 over Final
- Champion League 2012.
  
- The National Cricket Academy
- Seven zonal councils
- Tobago Cricket Association
- Umpires & Scorers Training & Development
- Historical DVD
- Coaching DVD

- Website Development
- Welfare Fund contribution
- Cricket Administration and

The TTCB must then manage the implementation of all of the above to the satisfaction of our partner and to the benefit of Cricket and our country

The TTCB's main objectives included the spreading and development of cricket throughout Trinidad and Tobago; advancement and improvement of the cricket talent in the 180 clubs and 40 community coaching centres and the creation of national teams of a consistently high quality.

The TTCB also wants to continue producing world-class national and international cricketers. Among some of the top Trinidad and Tobago players noted as having developed under the local system were the brothers Dwayne and Darren Bravo, Kieron Pollard, Ravi Rampaul, Lendl Simmons, Adrian Barrath, Denesh Ramdin and Sunil Narine.



