

## MEDIA RELEASE

Tanzania Delegation learns about Trinidad and Tobago's natural gas sector

Trinidad and Tobago's successful development and monetisation of its natural gas continues to attract foreign delegations eager to replicate this energy success in their own countries. The latest group visiting was a high level delegation from the East African country of Tanzania which arrived in Trinidad on May 20 for a six-day study tour of this country's natural gas sector.

The Head of the Delegation was Hon. Festus Limbu, Member of Parliament, and Parliamentary Committee Member for Energy and Minerals. The Tanzanian delegation comprised a mix of parliamentarians and civil servants from the Ministry of Energy and the Office of the Attorney General as well as officials from the Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) based in the capital, Dar es Salaam, and whose Chairman, Mr. Michael Mwanda, was part of the grouping.

Indeed, as NGC and its partners National Energy Corporation (NEC) and Phoenix Park Gas Processors Limited (PPGPL) explore opportunities in this newly emerging gas economy, this is consistent with the strategic objective articulated by the Minister of Energy and Energy Affairs, the Honourable Kevin Ramnarine that they become global leaders and partners in the global energy business.

During their busy engagement in the country, the Tanzanian delegation met with Senator Ramnarine, the Minister of Trade and Industry, Mr. Stephen Cadiz and Minister of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education, Senator Fazal Karim.

During a visit to The National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago's (NGC's) Head Office, NGC, NEC and PPGPL made presentations on the operations of the three companies and an overview of the local natural gas sector. On that occasion, the Tanzania delegation shared a bit about their country, their new gas finds as well as an interest in learning more about our best practices in the energy sector.

The Tanzanian delegation was welcomed by NGC's new president, Mr. Indar Maharaj, PPGPL's President, Mr. Eugene Tiah and NEC's Vice-President, Business Development, Mrs. Marleen Lord-Lewis.

On Wednesday, May 23, 2012, the delegation visited NGC's Beachfield slug catcher facilities at Guayaguayare, and on Friday the Atlantic LNG facility at Point Fortin. Visits were made to the TTMA, NESC and T&T Energy Chamber. It is the second such visit to these shores by a delegation from Tanzania, following an initial visit in February when, like the present group, they toured the world- famous Point Lisas Industrial Estate and Port and the state-of-the-art PPGPL cryogenic gas liquids facility at Savonetta.

Last November, Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) and NGC/NEC signed a Memorandum of Understanding which proposed a framework for technical cooperation between the companies. We are pleased to advise that this has now been converted into an executed Technical Services Agreement which is already being implemented in the form of ongoing technical support and consultancy services - all of which will bolster the thrust by NGC and its partners to move into the international energy arena.

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