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### **Pantrinbago commends NGC partnership with Tobago Steelband and others**

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Pan Trinbago President, Mr. Keith Diaz, commended NGC for its continued support to not only Tobago steelband, Steel Xplosion, and other NGC-sponsored bands, but to the pan movement as he articulated that the relationship between NGC and Pantrinbago was not a recent one. He was speaking at a recent event marking the conclusion of a six-week Organisational Strengthening Capacity Building Training programme made possible by NGC for Steel Xplosion.

Mr. Diaz went on to thank NGC for “continued support to the movement and that through NGC’s efforts, we have not only helped to promote the national instrument locally, but also helped to place it into the global space.” He highlighted that NGC’s efforts “are creating an avenue for the development of youth” and noted that exposure to music tended to help students excel at school, allowing for expansion of the mind. He congratulated the band and wished them well as they move forward.

The training was facilitated by Logie Life Solutions at the MIC facility in Tobago during the period May 21<sup>st</sup> – June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 for six Saturdays. Out of this exercise, the group has produced a Constitution, a Strategic Plan for the next three years and elected an Executive Board to oversee the management of the band. On Wednesday July 15<sup>th</sup> 2016 the group presented its new Constitution and Strategic Plan to the President of Pantrinbago at the Tobago Regional Office. The document was ratified and signed by all stakeholders inclusive of Pantrinbago, NGC Steel Xplosion, Logie Life Solutions and NGC.

Newly-elected Manager of NGC Steel Xplosion, Kenrick Noel, stated that he was humbled by his election to the position of manager and that he was excited about his task. He expressed that the exercise was rewarding and that band is now better off having gone through the rigour of producing a Constitution and Strategic plan. “The band is already working towards achieving the goals set in the strategic plan and we have already secured a deal to perform weekly at the newly -constructed Coliseum in Crown Point,” he added proudly.

NGC has sponsored Steel Xplosion since 2014. NGC’s total Pan Sponsorship amounts toTT\$4,618,700.00 for the three year period 2013-2016. Other bands include NGC Couva Joylanders.

The Company’s sponsorship involves assistance with participation in competitions, restocking of instruments, capacity building training and wealth generation funding. The band has participated successfully in competitions and has also received training over the past two years inclusive of management, marketing and facilities management.

Mr. Myles, Lewis, speaking on behalf of NGC, told the gathering that “No organization that is resilient is without the tools the Band has just acquired. The music business like any other industry - it is a competitive environment and if you are to operate successfully a clearly articulated Governance Structure is paramount.”

Mr. Lewis thanked the Logie Life Solutions team and Pantrinbago for their participation. He also thanked Mr. Iran “Duce” Anthony and the membership of the band for the professionalism shown throughout the entire exercise.

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Front row, from L to R: Wynda F Chandler, Head Community Relations, NGC; Lisa Logie, Logie Life Solutions; Iran ‘Duce’ Anthony, NGC Steel Xplosion; Keith Diaz, President, Pantrinbago.

Back row, Myles Lewis, NGC Community Relations Officer, flanked on the left by Kenrick Noel, Manager and Lynette Cox, PRO, Steel Xplosion and on the right by Kymbalie Carrington, Administrative Executive Officer and Shirilan Carrington, Captain, Steel Xplosion.