



Farewell to our Chairman Welcome to our new Minister of Finance

On behalf of all citizens, National Gas wishes our former Chairman well in his new role as Minister of Finance. It comes at a challenging time for the Nation.

Minister Howai has already served Trinidad & Tobago in diverse ways for over 30 years. In turbulent times (and there have been a number of those, as he has twice been brought in as a senior member of the teams steering local financial institutions on the brink of collapse), Larry Howai's mental preparedness has meant that he kept his head in clear air and his feet on solid ground.

Minister Howai has all the right credentials for his new role: a degree in Economics, qualifications as a Certified Management Accountant, as well as the extraordinary training which he has acquired over the years as a major financial institution CEO. As Chairman of National Gas, National Energy

Corporation, the E-Business Roundtable* and many other directorships, Minister Howai has his finger on the country's economic pulse.

Our new Minister speaks the language of global finance, while at heart he is a true son of the soil and a devoted family man. As a founding member of United Way, and a board member of Habitat for Humanity, as well as through oversight of National Gas and First Citizens major social responsibility programmes, Minister Howai is sensitive to where funds need to be channeled for social programmes, and the important role corporate citizens play in alleviating neediness.

With the will and help of the people of T&T supporting him, he shall overcome.

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