

THE NATIONAL GAS COMPANY OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO LIMITED

Media Release No 2

Pipeline Leak in Guayaguayare Bay

At 11.32 a.m. on Sunday 11th September, NGC's Control Room was alerted by the T&T Coast Guard of a water spout between Galeota Point and St. Mary's Estate approximately 1.2 km from the shore, in shallow water and in the vicinity of several natural gas and oil marine pipelines.

NGC immediately mobilized a diving team to make a subsea inspection which has confirmed the existence of a gas leak on NGC's 24-inch line. Our efforts are now being directed to effect repairs and recommission the pipeline within the shortest possible timeframe. In the interim, the line has been isolated and a small positive pressure is being maintained to avoid the ingress of seawater. As a result, some bubbling will still be visible on the surface of the water.

Our EHS team has also completed air quality testing at various points in the area and the results obtained have shown that gas concentration levels are insignificant and present no health and safety issues. NGC will continue to monitor air quality in the interest of the community. At present, our Corporate Communications and EHS staff are in the area conducting door to door visits to keep local residents informed and to address their concerns.

Members of the public are advised that buoys will be installed around the area cautioning fisherfolk to stay at least 500 metres away from the location of the bubbling water. The T&T Coast Guard has been activated in the area to keep the area clear. Notices will also be placed in the media.

We are in constant communication with the Ministry of Energy and Energy Affairs and our various stakeholders. We are working with gas suppliers to avoid disruption to domestic gas consumers and up to this point gas supply has not been affected.

NGC is committed to conducting its operations in the safest possible manner, and with the highest regard for preserving the environment. We will make use of every opportunity to keep the local and national community informed and updated of developments as they come to hand.

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