



The National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited

Media Release

New odourisation scores early success

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The National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (NGC) is working with Trincity Mall in dealing with any problems that exist in the natural gas pipeline system, to and within the Mall. NGC is very pleased that its natural gas odourisation safety initiative has already proven its worth by helping to identify some manageable issues with the natural gas supply at that location.

The Company is currently upgrading its network that supplies natural gas to its small customers and CNG stations by a wider introduction of odourant into the gas supply infrastructure at strategic locations. This will allow for early detection of any natural gas leaks in the system before they become a threat to the public, and is in keeping with international natural gas safety standards. Natural gas is both colourless and odourless, and it is expected that NGC's inclusion of the harmless but very pungent mercaptan odourant will assist in its safe operation of the natural gas distribution pipeline network.

On July 1, 2013, a radio report was aired which stated that a nearby resident had smelled a gas-like odour issuing from the mall and had spoken to both the mall authorities and the Tunapuna Fire Station about the situation. NGC, as the local authority on matters of natural gas, and with a vested interest in public safety and its customers' successful and safe use of natural gas in their operations, mobilized a team of gas transmission and other technical experts to investigate the problem.

Its investigation, which continued into today, revealed minor leaks along the gas distribution network that had not been detected previously. This afternoon, July 3rd 2013, NGC's technicians and the Mall's maintenance personnel confirmed that all repairs had been completed satisfactorily and that operations would be soon back to normal and with improved safety management.

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