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PRESS RELEASE

NGC sponsors Tobago students as they begin process plant operation studies at UTT

Ten Tobago students are now enrolled at the University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT) where they each hope to attain a Certificate Programme in Process Plant Operations. This course of study is being funded by The National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (NGC) in collaboration with the Tobago House of Assembly.

The purpose of this programme is to better equip residents of Tobago to take advantage of the opportunities in the local energy sector. Candidates who successfully complete the programme will be awarded a Certificate of Process Plant Operations.

NGC is currently constructing the Tobago Pipeline. The 12" Tobago pipeline will leave the BHP Billiton Gas Platform in the Angostura field and travel north to the Cove Estate, which is under construction in Southwest Tobago. The Tobago pipeline will travel about 54 km offshore and 800m on land before arriving at the Cove Estate.

Apart from small industries to be established there, the gas supply will also service a T&TEC power generation plant already operating on the site. At present, the plant is using diesel fuel, but will switch to cheaper natural gas once it becomes available. NGC will also construct a gas-receiving facility at Cove Estate.

At a recently-held breakfast meeting for the students, which took place at NGC's Point Lisas Industrial Estate Head Office, the students were encouraged by senior managers, including Tobago Pipeline Project Manager Charles Thavenot, to pursue their studies diligently in order to fulfil industry's demand for process plant operators' skill. The students were also taken on a tour of NGC's Beachfield facility on the east coast of the island.

The UTT programme is a mix of both lectures and practical training as it prepares the graduates for possible operator positions in the process industries. Candidates who successfully complete the programme will also receive valuable on-the-job training at NGC's Beachfield facility.

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