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Strong T&T Presence at 2023 Suriname Energy Oil & Gas Summit

Attendees at the 2023 Suriname Energy Oil and Gas Summit (SEOGS), currently being held in Paramaribo, Suriname, are witnessing an unprecedented display of Trinidad and Tobago's industry strength and commitment to advancing energy security across the region.

Trinidad and Tobago's participation at the Summit was coordinated by state-owned National Energy Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (National Energy), under the direction of the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries (MEEI). This collective effort resulted in the most visible and impactful showcase, with Trinidad and Tobago unveiling the largest exhibition pavilion at the Summit.

In addition to the extensive display of "Brand T&T", the Summit will hear from some of this country's most influential figures, including The Honourable Stuart R. Young, Minister of Energy and Energy Industries and Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister.

On Monday, Minister Young participated in a Ministerial Roundtable focused on "Strategic Regional Cooperation: Challenges and Benefits". Joining him in this discussion was His Excellency Albert R. Ramdin, Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Business and International Cooperation, from the Republic of Suriname, and His Excellency Robert Persaud, Foreign Secretary Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, from The Cooperative Republic of Guyana.

During his contribution, Minister Young urged all three countries (Trinidad and Tobago, Suriname and Guyana) to take control of their countries' destiny and assured the audience of Trinidad and Tobago's commitment to collaborate for the region "to be that loud voice in the geopolitics." Minister Young also emphasised the importance of sharing information amongst countries so all can benefit from lessons learnt.

On Tuesday morning, Minister Young will deliver his keynote presentation titled: "Energy for Development" which will focus on "How creating robust and transparent investor confidence is key to unlocking the potential for economic growth, energy security and a sustainable future."

Over the remaining days of the Summit, several other distinguished speakers from stateenterprises will deliver informative presentations at the Summit; these include, Dr. Joseph Khan, Chairman of The National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited, Dr. Vernon Paltoo, President of National Energy, and Kerry Rampersad, Business Development Business Unit Leader of Heritage Petroleum Company Limited.

The companies participating in the Trinidad and Tobago Pavilion at the 2023 SEOGS are:

- 1. National Energy Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (National Energy)
- 2. The National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (NGC)
- 3. Phoenix Park Gas Processors Limited (PPGPL)
- 4. La Brea Industrial Development Company Limited (LABIDCO)
- 5. Heritage Petroleum Company Limited (Heritage)
- 6. Tucker Energy Services
- 7. TOSL Engineering Limited
- 8. ExporTT
- 9. L&S Surveying Services Limited
- 10. MIC Institute of Technology
- 11. WELDFAB Limited



Caption: Minister Young with staff from the Ministry of Energy & Energy Industries at the 2023 SEOGS.



Caption: H.E. Chandrikapersad Santokhi, President, Republic of Suriname chats with Minister Young at and Dr. Vernon Paltoo, President of National Energy, at the 2023 SEOGS



Caption: Minister Young engages with employees from Heritage during his tour of the Trinidad and Tobago Pavilion at the 2023 SEOGS



Caption: from L to R – Dr. Joseph Khan, Chairman of NGC, Minister Young, H.E. Chandrikapersad Santokhi, President, Republic of Suriname, Dr. Vernon Paltoo, President, National Energy, H.E. Ambassador of the Republic of T&T to the Republic of Suriname in the Trinidad & Tobago Pavilion at the 2023 SEOGS



Caption: Minister Young being interviewed at the Trinidad and Tobago Pavilion during Monday's Opening of the 2023 SEOGS



Caption: Minister Young participates in Ministerial RoundTable at Opening Ceremony of the **2023 SEOGS**

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