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United States Ambassador Tours National Energy's Maritime Assets

Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago – On February 27, 2024, Her Excellency Candace A. Bond, United States Ambassador to Trinidad and Tobago, participated in an oceanside tour of National Energy's assets at Point Lisas, aboard the *National Energy Resilience* – Trinidad and Tobago's first low-exhaust tugboat.

Accompanied by officials from National Energy Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (National Energy), Ambassador Bond toured the ISCOTT Dock and Savonetta Piers 1, 2, 3, and 4 – company assets that facilitate the export of all petrochemicals and iron and steel products produced on the Point Lisas Industrial Estate. The Dock and Piers are ISPS-certified, meaning they adhere to the highest international standards for security and safety.

Also owned by National Energy, the *National Energy Resilience*, is IMO Tier III-certified with technologies that reduce its nitrous oxides emissions by 80% - making it the "cleanest" tugboat operating in Trinidad and Tobago, and the 2nd of its kind in the region. The *National Energy Resilience* therefore represents a significant step towards the decarbonisation of National Energy's maritime operations.

Ambassador Bond's visit to National Energy, a state-owned company, reinforces the existing collaboration between the United States and Trinidad and Tobago in addressing environmental challenges. During the tour, the Ambassador Bond stated, "I am here to grow our partnership with National Energy in support of the Biden-Harris Administration's U.S.-Caribbean Partnership to Address the Climate Crisis 2030, or PACC2030. We are really excited to be here to see and support National Energy's initiatives, now and in the future." This statement underscores the shared commitment to a cleaner and sustainable future by both nations.

Earlier, National Energy's President, Dr. Vernon Paltoo, delivered a presentation to Ambassador Bond on the various aspects of the company's activities, including national sustainable energy and low-carbon projects being advanced by National Energy to support Trinidad and Tobago's decarbonisation goals. These projects are also part of the Government of the Trinidad and Tobago's ongoing efforts to transition the energy sector towards a low-carbon future.

The Ambassador's visit coincides with the one-year anniversary of the *National Energy Resilience*'s commissioning, which took place on February 28th, 2023.

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Caption: Dr. Vernon Paltoo, National Energy President delivers a presentation to Her Excellency Candace A. Bond, United States Ambassador to Trinidad and Tobago and Dr. Joseph Khan, Chairman, National Energy



Caption: Her Excellency Candace A. Bond, United States Ambassador (centre) speaks with Michelle Scipio-Hosang, Vice President, Port and Estate Management and Dr. Joseph Khan, Chairman at National Energy's Tug Mooring Facility



Caption: Her Excellency Candace A. Bond, United States Ambassador at National Energy's Tug Mooring Facility. *L to R:* Michelle Scipio-Hosang, Vice President, Port and Estate Management, Dr. Joseph Khan, Chairman, National Energy, Her Excellency Candace A. Bond, United States Ambassador, Dr. Vernon Paltoo, President, National Energy and Valerie Laboy, Economic and Commercial Officer, United States Embassy



Caption: Her Excellency Candace A. Bond, United States Ambassador Aboard the *National Energy Resilience*. *L to R:* Michelle Scipio-Hosang, Vice President, Port and Estate Management, Dr. Joseph Khan, Chairman, National Energy, Her Excellency Candace A. Bond, United States Ambassador, Dr. Vernon Paltoo, President, National Energy and Valerie Laboy, Economic and Commercial Officer, United States Embassy and Kim Learmont-John, Senior Maintenance Technician