



In 1979, Mr. Basharat Ali joined National Energy (formerly called "NEC") as Head of the Refining and Petrochemical Division and was responsible for the development and implementation of methanol and urea projects. He acted as CEO of National Energy on several occasions until his retirement in June 1990.

In his 2014 interview with National Energy for the Company's 35th anniversary, Mr. Ali shared that one of his most notable accomplishments was the establishment of Trinidad and Tobago's first granular urea plant. Mr. Ali also took special pride in the establishment of this country's first methanol plant,

which was done without the assistance of a foreign joint venture partner. He said: "Methanol was innovative; we took a step in a direction where we had no previous experience, including having the ships built for export of the product and marketing the product ourselves. It was a bold decision to go ahead and this made it the hardest, but the most satisfying project. And we did it, we did it well, and it worked."

National Energy honours the sterling contribution of Mr. Basharat Ali in the development and success of Trinidad and Tobago's petrochemical industry.

