

NEWS

# Queen's Hall gets EV charge stations, solar lights

Energy Minister Stuart Young demonstrates the use of the EV charger installed at Queen's Hall, Port of Spain. Looking on are National Energy representatives, Dr. Vernon Paltoo, Dr. Joseph Khan, and Arden Rodriguez. PHOTO BY COURTESY NATIONAL ENERGY/ MINISTRY OF ENERGY



THREE electric vehicle (EV) charging stations have been handed over to Queen's Hall, Port of Spain.

The venue has also received 11 LED and 29 solar-powered perimeter lights from National Energy and the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries, according to a statement on September 14.

Energy Minister Stuart Young spoke at the event and highlighted the importance of the project.

"This is yet another step in reducing our carbon footprint and promoting energy efficiency in public spaces.

"As I have stated previously, Trinidad and Tobago's energy transition involves a balance, with

natural gas remaining essential, while we incorporate renewable solutions to meet our international climate change obligations, simultaneously building a sustainable future for all citizens. These solar LED lights will provide Queen's Hall with energy savings of up to 75 per cent compared to the previously installed systems and is a prime example of an environmental, social and governance initiative."

He spoke of the government's vision for clean transportation and EV integration through championing initiatives such as V.A.T. exemptions for electric vehicles.

Young also challenged Queen's Hall to go further by aiming to become a green building.

He said that small changes can lead to enhanced sustainability and energy efficiency and have knock-on effects on the energy sector. Young said the Queen's Hall project represented the proper utilisation of natural gas within the power generation sector, which, he added, was aligned with the government's goal of accruing higher returns on natural gas molecules and ensuring maximum benefits for TT.

Garfield George, general manager of Queen's Hall, expressed his gratitude: "This partnership has positioned Queen's Hall as an active participant in environmental commitment. We are proud to demonstrate how cultural institutions can embrace environmental responsibility."

The joint media release said the installations at Queen's Hall complemented other projects led by National Energy, such as the EV charging stations at Preysal and the collaboration on solar-powered EV chargers at The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine.

"Together, these initiatives underscore National Energy's commitment to advancing a low-carbon future for Trinidad and Tobago," the release said.



The Trinidad and Tobago Bureau of Standards invites you to share your views on the draft National Standard for **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE** which is being issued for **PUBLIC COMMENT**

TITLE: **TTS/ISO/IEC 42001:20XX, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY — ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE — MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

**SCOPE OF PROPOSED DRAFT STANDARD**

This National Standard specifies the requirements and provides guidance for establishing, implementing, maintaining and continually improving an AI (artificial intelligence) management system within the context of an organization.

**BASE DOCUMENT**

The draft standard was based on the following International Standard:

- ISO/IEC 42001:2023 – Information technology — Artificial intelligence — Management system

**RATIONALE**

The Standard is intended to support Government's thrust for digital transformation and also to support the ICT initiatives in the National Standardization Strategy.

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## NH signs US\$19m Rodney Bay City Centre contract

CONSTRUCTION firm NH International (Caribbean) has signed a US \$19.4 million contract with Rodney Bay City Centre Ltd (RBCC) to construct the first phase of the Rodney Bay City Centre in Gros Islet, Saint Lucia.

A statement from the company said NH's CEO Ciaran Conlon praised the partnership. He also said NH has been "entrusted to make yet another meaningful contribution to Saint Lucia which started 30 years ago."

The RBCC is an affiliate of Blue Investments. Conlon was joined by a director of RBCC and project manager for the development Tarek Hosein of Engineering Analytica Ltd, to sign the contract at NH's Head Office in St. James, on August 30.

The statement said NH has started mobilisation and was set to begin actual site construction from October 14, on the first phase of the project which will include the head office and Rodney Bay branch of Republic Bank (EC) Ltd, a 122-vehicle car park, multiple

restaurants, shops and a boardwalk.

"The RBCC project represents the second major project partnership between NH and this affiliate group of companies within the last three years; the other most notably being the Orange Grove Plaza, which has emerged to become a Saint Lucian landmark.

NH executive chairman Emile Elias said, "Our continued work as a trusted construction partner of Blue Investment and RBCC is adding to the development of Saint Lucia, of this, we can be proud.

"The project will create employment opportunities for many Saint Lucians."

The release said the Rodney Bay City Centre will comprise five multi-story buildings and include commercial, retail, residential and recreational spaces, designed by prominent Caribbean architect Stephen Mendes. The first phase is expected to be completed by NH in mid-November 2025 with further phases expected to commence in the near future.