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NGC Group Chairman addresses CSA's 46th Annual General Meeting, Conference & Exhibition

Mr. Gerry C. Brooks, Chairman of the NGC Group of Companies joined the ranks of other regional and international influencers of global shipping and logistics to share insights on Energy and Shipping in Trinidad and Tobago on Day 1 of The Shipping Association of Trinidad & Tobago Conference 46th Annual General Meeting at the Hyatt Regency Trinidad . The CSA was established in 1971 to facilitate development of an efficient, viable Caribbean shipping industry.

Approximately 350 registered participants including executives from shipping lines, ships' agents, port and terminal owners and operators and other maritime personnel attended the three day event to garner updates on the industry. This regional event attracts players in the industry from the Caribbean, North, South and Central America; and Europe.

In his Address as the only presentation on the Trinidad landscape Mr. Brooks stated that "the official policy framework of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago identifies the maritime sector as one of the key sectors for development. A committee led by the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government has been established to lead maritime expansion projects for Trinidad and Tobago, with a thrust towards port and infrastructure development within the energy sector, as well as regional and international exploration of energy sector markets."

The National Energy Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago (National Energy) is pivotal to this mandate as the wholly-owned subsidiary of NGC with the responsibility of developing and managing industrial and marine infrastructure. Mr. Brooks highlighted the existing, current and planned development activity in train at National Energy including a number of projects aimed at increasing Trinidad and Tobago's Maritime competitiveness. These include the Port of Galeota, the Port of Brighton, LABIDCO and the Port of Point Lisas, all of which fall under the remit of National Energy. Each location offers energy support services to the industry toward the enhancement of corporate partnerships and increased opportunities for business growth.

Mr. Brooks underscored Trinidad and Tobago's geographic and logistical advantage as a reason why stakeholders can enjoy significant competitive advantage. In his closing call for action, Mr. Brooks was quoted as saying "The NGC Group of Companies is open for business and invites you to be part of our energy vision."

See full text of speech attached.

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