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THE NGC GROUP OF COMPANIES

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NGC Group to Aid Caribbean Neighbours

Following the devastation caused by Hurricanes Irma and Maria, the NGC Group of Companies, comprising the National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited, National Energy Corporation, Phoenix Park Gas Processors Limited and NGC CNG, have been continuously working to provide relief efforts to the citizens of Dominica and other Caribbean territories. This ongoing effort is consistent with the Government of Trinidad and Tobago request to support our Caricom colleagues whose countries require urgent support and assistance.

Earlier and in the wake of Hurricane Irma, the National Helicopter Services Limited, which is part-owned by NGC, immediately rendered assistance to Barbuda deploying a helicopter on the island for one week. Subsequently, and in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria, on September 20, the company deployed another helicopter to Dominica to transport defence force personnel, who assisted in coordinating and providing relief assistance on the island.

On Friday 29th September 2017, The *National Energy Explorer*, a supply vessel owned and operated by National Energy, sailed to Dominica and delivered six containers of aid materials to devastated Dominica. One of the containers was filled with items donated by employees of the NGC Group, while the other containers were filled with donations from other companies and NGOs across Trinidad and Tobago. The NGC Group continues to work in conjunction with the Energy Chamber and other local donors to help restore Dominica, Barbuda and other Caribbean territories. These joint collaborative efforts have enabled local donors to quickly and efficiently route aid supplies to affected citizens. NGC Director Sham Mahabir volunteered to sail with the Explorer to Dominica and obtain a first-hand view of the

situation on the ground while assisting in ensuring that the supplies were properly distributed.

As in the case of earlier natural disasters affecting the Caribbean, the employees of the NGC Group have responded to this latest unfortunate disaster and have generously donated cash, water, tarpaulins, disposable diapers, feminine hygiene products, cleaning supplies, canned and dry foods and building material. Other items shipped to Dominica included one hundred and seventy care packages and bulk items to facilitate quick and easy distribution.

Chairman of the Group, Gerry C. Brooks emphasised, "The generosity of employees of the NGC Group was heart-warming. And, it comes on the heels of the government's pledge to assist its Caricom neighbours in their time of need, despite our own challenges." He noted that the devastation in Dominica is staggering and emphasised that, "The NGC Group is committed to standing shoulder to shoulder with our fellow Caribbean citizens at this time. And giving true meaning to "Caricom". The people of Trinidad and Tobago have always been a giving, caring people who do not hesitate to assist in whatever way we can, and our employees and suppliers have demonstrated this overwhelmingly. I am extremely heartened at the concern and level of response displayed by our Group employees and all of Trinidad and Tobago."



L to R: Gerry Brooks, Chairman, NGC Group; Sham Mahabir, Director, NGC; Curtis Mohammed, President NGC CNG; and Dr. Vernon Paltoo, President, National Energy aboard the National Energy Explorer



The National Energy Explorer on its way to Dominica.



L to R: Curtis Mohammed, President NGC CNG; Sham Mahabir, Director, NGC; and Dr. Vernon Paltoo, President, National Energy and Dominic Rampersad, President, PPGPL on the Explorer, surrounded by containers holding life-saving supplies.



Sham Mahabir, Director, NGC; Dominic Rampersad, President, PPGPL; Dr. Vernon Paltoo, President, National Energy; and Curtis Mohammed, President NGC CNG form a “bucket brigade” to load supplies aboard the containers on the National Energy Explorer.

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