



The National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited

Media Release

NGC fuels financial literacy in Tobago with AI-Driven Sustainable Stock Market Game

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The National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (NGC) is encouraging financial literacy amongst Tobago's secondary school students through its sponsorship of the competition - WizdomCRM Inter-regional Sustainable Stock Market Game. The game, which is powered by AI (artificial intelligence) technology, supports learning that aligns with the CSEC and CAPE syllabi. NGC came on board in Cycle 7 to provide an opportunity for 300 students from Bishops High School Tobago, Scarborough Secondary School, and Signal Hill Secondary to develop real-time and real-life skills in financial investment.

Cycle 7 of the competition, which ran from April – June 2024, represents the first time the Sustainable Stock Market Game moved beyond Trinidad and Tobago, to include student competitors from Guyana. The healthy inter-regional rivalry allowed the students to employ strategic thinking and risk management skills to outperform benchmarks like the S&P 500, while vying for a grand prize of TTD \$10,000 and the coveted regional title. At the end of the game, Alloy Sammy of Bishops High School Tobago, emerged victorious.

Each student received a virtual portfolio of USD \$25,000, enabling them to learn how to budget, save, and invest in companies on the gaming platform that mirrors the Guyana, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, and US stock exchanges. This initiative approved by the Ministries of Education in the region also supports the UN Sustainability Development Goal 4, Quality Education for all.

At the Cycle 7 awards ceremony held on July 9th 2024, NGC Director Joel Jack commented: "We saw this initiative as an innovative and engaging approach to building financial literacy among students, teaching them how to manage money, and reinforcing key curricular concepts. Moreover, we saw the opportunity to introduce students to more than just the workings of the stock market. Through this platform, they would learn to assess risk, to think strategically, to make research-based decisions. These are all important skills that can be applied to any career these students choose to pursue, and can also serve them more generally in life. They are certainly skills that society will demand of future leaders and nation-builders."

"The Sustainable Stock Market Game fosters an understanding of the Caricom Capital Markets by utilising Natural Language Processing and generative AI," said Charielle Plowden, Country Manager of WizdomCRM Caribbean Limited. "We aim to empower

students to take control of their financial futures and bring inter-regional closeness through healthy competition. By learning about the markets across the region, students develop a sense of unity and shared purpose, preparing them to be informed and responsible investors through advanced AI technology."

The participating students have shown impressive trade activity resulting in 4,925 trades closed and 3,295 profitable trades. By providing students with the tools and knowledge to navigate the complex world of finance, this initiative is creating a new generation of leaders, problem solvers, and innovators. This transformative experience is particularly impactful for students from diverse socio-economic backgrounds, offering them a pathway to break cycles of poverty and build a brighter future for themselves and their communities.

About The National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited:

The National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (NGC) and its subsidiaries are an integrated group of energy companies operating in Trinidad and Tobago's energy sector, and with a growing presence in other jurisdictions. NGC plays a pivotal role in Trinidad and Tobago's gas-based energy sector and is strategically positioned along the entire natural gas value chain. Through its people, investments, strategic partnerships and pioneering gas pricing model, NGC has secured the profitability of the local gas-based energy sector and catalysed the social and economic development of Trinidad and Tobago for four and a half decades. NGC and its subsidiaries represent ideal business partners to guide emerging energy territories through their process of development. The company has evolved into a highly reputable and profitable organisation with a wide-ranging portfolio of energy and nonenergy assets.

About WizdomCRM Caribbean Limited

WizdomCRM Caribbean Limited is an educational technology (EdTech) company committed to transforming learning experiences in the Caribbean. Our flagship products are the Sustainable Stock Market Game and the WizdomCRM AI Tutor platform, which utilizes natural language processing and advanced neural responses to provide personalized, goal-based learning experiences for students. Our AI tutors and Mr. Rabbit, guide students through an immersive learning experience in various subject areas such as Personal Finance, Physical Education, Mathematics, Science and Technology, aligning with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals #4, Quality Education for All. Approved by the Ministries of Education in the Caribbean, our platform is dedicated to empowering the next generation of Caribbean learners.



Photo 1 –
Joel Jack, Director, NGC, delivered remarks at the award ceremony for Cycle 7 of the
WizdomCRM Inter-regional Sustainable Stock Market Game.



Photo 2 –

(L to R): Chloe Joseph, School Communications Manager, WizdomCRM Caribbean Ltd; Joel Jack, Director, NGC; Alloy Sammy, Overall Winner of Cycle 7 of the Sustainable Stock Market Game; Sharon Mangroo, CEO, CEBM; and Roger Roach, Director, TTMA

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