



**The National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited  
Media Release**

**NGC congratulates the Prime Minister on her historic achievement**

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The National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (NGC) congratulates the Honourable Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Mrs. Kamla Persad-Bissessar, on her historic achievement in securing the support of the United States Secretary of State, Marco Rubio for the approval of the relevant Office of Foreign Asset Control (OFAC) licenses to facilitate the development of this country's cross-border hydrocarbons, including the Dragon Gas Field. NGC pays tribute to the team that accompanied the Honourable Prime Minister, which included the Minister of Foreign and Caricom Affairs – the Honourable Sean Sobers; the Minister of Public Utilities - the Honourable Barry Padarath; and the Minister and staff of the Office of the Prime Minister, who would have worked tirelessly with the Ministers of Energy – Dr. the Honourable Roodal Moonilal and the Honourable Ernesto Kesar – along with the staff of the Ministry of Energy to make this a reality.

The approval of these licenses will open the door for this country, in conjunction with our international partners and the Venezuelan government, to explore and bring to market gas from the Dragon and Manakin Cocuina Gas fields. This provides NGC with the foundation that it requires to now advance other projects in conjunction with the Venezuelan government that will increase this country's gas supply and rejuvenate this country's energy sector. These projects will bring benefits to our country, the Venezuelan people and indirectly, the United States of America.

Commenting on this development NGC Chairman Gerald Ramdeen heralded the Prime Minister's success as: "the single most important and significant achievement by a sitting Prime Minister towards providing energy security to this nation and the region. Our Prime Minister, against all odds, has delivered on her promise to return Trinidad and Tobago to its rightful position as this region's energy hub and leader in the development of hydrocarbon resources throughout the Caribbean and wider region."

The opportunity to explore cross-border gas and the Dragon gas field comes on the heels of the return to this country of ExxonMobil to explore hydrocarbons in the ultra-deep.

NGC is pivotal to the success of these projects and stands ready to support the government and all stakeholders, including our international partners, and to work together with our Venezuelan neighbours to monetise the hydrocarbon resources that belong to our people, for the benefit of our countries and future generations.

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