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UWI, NGC help develop future energy sector leaders in Guyana

ST. AUGUSTINE, Trinidad and Tobago. March 31, 2020 –The UWI St. Augustine Campus and the National Energy Company of Trinidad and Tobago (National Energy) recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that will see the National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (NGC) Group hosting students from the University of Guyana (UG) for a one-week study tour. The MOU signing, which took place on March 10 at National Energy's Couva Head Office in Trinidad, is part of the UWI's MSC in Petroleum Engineering being offered to students of the UG.

The project element of the programme will allow these students to tour NGC and five of its subsidiaries, Phoenix Park Gas Processors Limited (PPGPL), Trinidad and Tobago NGL Limited (TTNGL), La Brea Industrial Development Company Limited (LABIDCO), NGC CNG Company Limited (NGC CNG) and National Energy. The tour, which is scheduled to take place between May and July 2020, reflects a commitment by The UWI, National Energy and the NGC Group to provide learning and developmental opportunities for the next generation of energy sector leaders in Guyana and the wider Caribbean.

The MOU was signed by UWI St. Augustine Pro-Vice Chancellor and Campus Principal Professor Brian Copeland and National Energy President Dr. Vernon Paltoo. Professor Copeland was represented at the signing by Distinguished Fellow and Professor of Practice Andrew Jupiter, Coordinator of the MSc in Petroleum Engineering programme, and Professor of Petroleum Engineering Raffie Hosein, Head of the Department of Chemical Engineering and Coordinator of the MSc Reservoir Engineering Programme at The UWI St. Augustine.

In expressing gratitude to National Energy, Professors Hosein and Jupiter pointed to the benefits of the internship programme, saying it will not only prepare the students to enter the world of work, but also develop and sustain the energy sector in Guyana and the region.

Speaking at the signing, Dr. Paltoo stated "During the one-week study tour, they will be exposed to all aspects of the energy value chain, from upstream to downstream, and they will spend time at all member companies."

Ms. Wendy Seow, General Manager of LABIDCO, said an office in Guyana was recently opened by National Energy on behalf of the NGC Group. She also expressed the NGC Group's commitment to building the relationship between Trinidad and Tobago and Guyana.

“Through this partnership we are contributing to the next generation of energy sector leaders in Guyana,” she said.

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Notes To Editor

Please find attached two photographs captured at the signing ceremony and corresponding captions below:



PHOTO 1: (L-R) Professor Raffie Hosein, Head of UWI St. Augustine’s Department of Chemical Engineering and Professor of Petroleum Engineering; Distinguished Fellow and Professor of Practice Andrew Jupiter, Coordinator of the Petroleum Studies Unit; President of National Energy Dr. Vernon Paltoo; and Ms. Wendy Seow, General Manager of the La Brea Industrial Development Company Limited (LABIDCO) at the signing ceremony.



PHOTO 2: (L-R) Professor Raffie Hosein, Head of UWI St. Augustine's Department of Chemical Engineering and Professor of Petroleum Engineering; Distinguished Fellow and Professor of Practice Andrew Jupiter, Coordinator of the Petroleum Studies Unit; and Ms. Wendy Seow, General Manager of the La Brea Industrial Development Company Limited (LABIDCO) at the signing ceremony.

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