



## **Public Hearing Summary** **Wednesday April 19, 2017**

### **Inquiry Subject:**

The Examination of the Audited Accounts, Balance Sheet and other Financial Statements of the National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago (NGC) for the financial years 2009-2015.

### **Committee Members:**

The following Committee Members were present for the meeting:

- Mr. Wade Mark - Chairman
- Mrs. Cherrie-Ann Crichlow-Cockburn - Member
- Mrs. Jennifer Baptiste-Primus - Member
- Mr. Foster Cummings - Member
- Mr. David Small - Member

### **Witnesses who appeared:**

#### **National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago**

- Mr. Gerry Brooks - Chairman
- Mr. Mark Loquan - President
- Ms. Maria Thorne - VP, Corporate Compliance & Governance
- Mr. Narinejit Pariag - VP, Finance & Information Management
- Ms. Lisa Burkett - Manager, Corporate Communications
- Mr. Frank Look Kin - Consultant, NGC

#### **Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries**

- Mr. Selwyn Lashley - Permanent Secretary
- Ms. Margaret Edwards- Barran - Senior Energy Analyst (Ag.)
- Mr. Randy Maurice - Senior Energy Analyst (Ag.)
- Mr. Leroy Mayers - Advisor
- Mr. Sheldon Butcher - Senior Energy Analyst (Ag.)
- Ms. Penelope Bradshaw-Niles - Senior Petroleum Engineer

## Ministry of Finance – Investments Division

- Ms. Yvette Babb - Director, Social and Economic Transformation (Ag.)
- Mr. Lester Herbert - Director Central Audit Committee

### Key Issues Discussed

1. The role of PA(E)C in assisting the NGC to improve its delivery of services in an efficient, effective and economic manner.
2. The status of the 2016-2020 and 2017-2020 Strategic Plans.
3. The process to secure the services of international company to prepare the 2016-2020 NGC Strategic Plan.
4. The reasons for the declining trend in sales and gross profits.
5. The clarification of Cost of Sales- Staff Costs and Administrative Costs- Staff Costs.
6. The number of staff employed by NGC.
7. The clarification of the term ‘corrective actions’ pertaining to address Internal Audit issues at NGC.
8. The status of 2015 whistleblower policy and the conflict of interest policy.
9. The plans to address the lower margins and increased operation costs.
10. The measures in place to boost cash flows and improve debt service ratios.
11. The measures in place to address human resource issues.
12. The process by which the current audit firm (Deloitte) was selected.
13. The measures in place to address the weaknesses in the Internal Control systems.
14. The reasons for the cost variances of the Liquid Fuel Pipeline from \$585B to \$1.04B.
15. The measures in place to address the weaknesses in project management capabilities.
16. The clarification of the terms and conditions of staff loans.
17. The determination of the allocation of the national gas supply.
18. The valuation of investments in the Atlantic LNG Trains 1 and 4.
19. The status of the risks experienced by NGC.
20. The status of the Gas Sales Contract between T&TEC and NGC.
21. The status of the Royalty Gas Contract between NGC and the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries.
22. The status of the dividend payouts for 2016 and onwards.
23. The rationale for the increased Corporate Social Responsibility expenditures.

### Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Wednesday May 3, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. to examine the Audited Financial Statements of the Telecommunications Services of Trinidad and Tobago (TSTT) for the financial periods 2008-2016.

### View the Hearing:

The hearing can be viewed on our YouTube page via the following link:

<https://youtu.be/if72WmfvVqo>

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