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Dear Mrs. Sampson- Meiguel

Re: Fourteenth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Examination of the Report of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the Financial Year 2016 with specific reference to the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries

I refer to your letter dated 25 January 2018 on the subject matter at caption.

I hereby submit the Ministry's written response to the recommendation for issue **No. 7** "*Reconciliations of Royalties due and received were not produced*" in the Report for the consideration of the Committee.

Sincerely,


Permanent Secretary

Response to Fourteenth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Examination of the Report of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the Financial Year 2016 with specific reference to the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries- 7. Reconciliations of Royalties due and received were not produced

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Endorsement:

- The Committee endorses the steps being made by the MEEI to help alleviate the backlogs of RLE tests at CARIRI and should submit a report to the Parliament by February 28, 2018.

Response:

Royalty Lease Evaluation (RLE) results from CARIRI were expected to be received by MEEI either on a monthly or a quarterly basis. Copies of these reports are archived by the Downstream & Retail Marketing (DRM) Division.

Currently, there are some RLE results prepared for three companies, namely Primera Oilfield Services Limited, EOG Resources Trinidad Limited and Trinmar. From September 2016 to date, the MEEI has received RLE results from CARIRI covering these companies during specific months from 2011 to 2016.

Reports for the complete calendar years of 2011 to 2017 remain outstanding. From discussions between the MEEI and CARIRI in February 2018, it is expected that the backlog of RLEs will be completed and submitted to the MEEI at the end of the calendar year 2018.

Table 1 below identifies RLE Results obtained from CARIRI over the period Sept 2016 to date.

Table 1: RLE Results obtained from CARIRI over the period Sept 2016 to date

Review Period of RLE	E&P Company	Source of RLE Samples	Date of Report by CARIRI	Date received in MEEI
Apr-11	Trinmar	Soldado	3-Aug-16	19-Sep-16
Nov-11	EOG Resources	Galeota Tank Farm/SECC	12-Sep-17	2-Nov-17
Jan-12	EOG Resources	Galeota Tank Farm/SECC	12-Sep-17	2-Nov-17
Jun-12	Trinmar	Soldado	4-Aug-16	19-Sep-16
Jul-12	Trinmar	Soldado	4-Aug-16	19-Sep-16
Jul - Dec 2012	Primera Oilfield Services Limited	Roodal	12-Sep-17	2-Nov-17
Jan - June 2013	Primera Oilfield Services Limited	Fyzabad	12-Sep-17	2-Nov-17
Jan - June 2013	Primera Oilfield Services Limited	Palo Seco	12-Sep-17	2-Nov-17
Jul - Dec 2013	Primera Oilfield Services Limited	San Francique	12-Sep-17	2-Nov-17
Jul - Dec 2013	Primera Oilfield Services Limited	Palo Seco	12-Sep-17	2-Nov-17
Sep-14	EOG Resources	Galeota Tank Farm/SECC	7-Aug-17	2-Nov-17
Oct-14	EOG Resources	Trintomar/Pelican	7-Sep-17	19-Oct-17
Dec-14	EOG Resources	Trintomar/Pelican	7-Sep-17	19-Oct-17
Jan-15	EOG Resources	Trintomar/Pelican	7-Dec-17	18-Jan-18
Mar-15	EOG Resources	Trintomar/Pelican	8-Sep-17	19-Oct-17
Apr-15	EOG Resources	Trintomar/Pelican	8-Sep-17	19-Oct-17
May-15	EOG Resources	Trintomar/Pelican	8-Sep-17	19-Oct-17
Jun-15	EOG Resources	Trintomar/Pelican	11-Sep-17	19-Oct-17
Jul-15	EOG Resources	Trintomar/Pelican	7-Dec-17	18-Jan-18
Sep-15	EOG Resources	Trintomar/Pelican	2-Jan-18	18-Jan-18
Oct-15	EOG Resources	Trintomar/Pelican	2-Jan-18	18-Jan-18
July - Dec 2016	Primera Oil & Gas Limited	Palo Seco	11-Sep-17	19-Oct-17
July - Dec 2016	Primera Oil & Gas Limited	Roodal	7-Sep-17	19-Oct-17
July - Dec 2016	Primera Oil & Gas Limited	San Francique	11-Sep-17	19-Oct-17
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