



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
INVESTMENTS DIVISION



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March 11, 2019

Mrs. Jacqui Sampson-Meiguel
Clerk of the House
Parliament Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
Levels G-7, Tower D
The Port of Spain International Waterfront Centre
1A Wrightson Road,
PORT OF SPAIN

Dear Ms. Sampson-Meiguel

Re: Sixteenth Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee on the Examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago National Petroleum Marketing Company Limited (NP) for the years ended March 31, 2008 to 2017

I refer to your letter dated February 18, 2019 on the above subject.

The Ministry of Finance has considered and reviewed the recommendations of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee outlined in the Report. It was observed that one (1) recommendation was relevant to the Ministry.


In this regard, the following response is submitted for your information:

Recommendation:


The Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries should provide guidance to NP on adjusting the Company's Procurement Policy to include guidelines and limits to the CEO's power to seek and obtain exemption from public tendering.


Comments:

You are advised that the Ministry of Finance – Investments Division has informed NP by letter dated January 8 2019, that according to Section 13 (1) of the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property Act No. 1 of 2015, it is the Office of Procurement Regulation, which will, *inter alia*:

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- Issue and review guidelines in relation to public procurement and the retention and disposal of public property, including model guidelines for special guidelines under sections 30(1) (b) and 54 (1) (b);
- Prepare, update and issue model handbooks, incorporating standardized bidding documents, procedural forms and relevant documents for use in public procurement and the retention and disposal of public property; and
- Approve, in respect of each procuring entity, special guidelines and handbooks in relation to public procurement and the retention and disposal of public property.

Yours sincerely



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March 13, 2019

The Honourable Bridgid Mary Annisette-George, MP
Speaker of the House
Parliament Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
Level 2, Tower D
The Port of Spain International Waterfront Centre
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PORT OF SPAIN

Dear Madam Speaker,

Re: Sixteenth Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee on the Examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago National Petroleum Marketing Company Limited (NP) for the years ended March 31, 2008 to 2017

I refer to your letter dated February 26, 2019 on the above subject.

The Ministry of Finance has considered and reviewed the recommendations of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee outlined in the Report. It was observed that one (1) recommendation was relevant to the Ministry.

In this regard, the following response is submitted for your information:

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