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Mrs. Jacqui Sampson- Meiguel
Clerk of the House
Office of the Parliament
Parliamentary Complex
Cabildo Building
St. Vincent Street
Port of Spain
Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

Dear Sampson- Meiguel,

Re: The Thirty-Fourth 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 2019

Reference is made to your letter dated August 03, 2020 on the subject matter at caption.

Please find attached the Ministry's written response to the recommendations of the Committee.

Yours respectfully,

Mrs. Penelope Bradshaw- Niles
Permanent Secretary (Ag)

The Thirty-Fourth 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 2019

Recommendations:

- i. The Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries should report to Parliament on whether any similar progress was made in FY 2019 regarding the collection of minerals revenue by September 5, 2020.

MEEI Response:

There has been a significant increase in royalties payments from 2015 to 2019 with over TT\$2.2 million received for calendar year 2019. One key reason for the upsurge is that the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries (MEEI) would not grant a licence to any operator who has outstanding royalties due to the State. As such, prospective licensees would have either fulfilled their debts or discussed payment plans with the MEEI. The Minerals Division of the MEEI is continuing to liaise with operators to fulfil their financial obligations.