

**SENATE***Tuesday, November 08, 2005*

The Senate met at 1.30 p.m.

**PRAYERS**[MR. VICE-PRESIDENT *in the Chair*]**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**Mr. Vice-President:** Hon. Senators, I wish to inform you that the President of the Senate, Sen. The Hon. Dr. Linda Savitri Baboolal, is at present Acting President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for His Excellency the President, George Maxwell Richards T.C., C.M.T., Ph.D., who is out of the country. During the absence of the President, the Vice-President of the Senate would preside over the sitting.

Hon. Senators, I have granted leave of absence to Sen. The Hon. Christine Kangaloo and Sen. The Hon. Mustapha Abdul-Hamid who are out of the country, and Sen. The Hon. Satish Ramroop who is ill.

**SENATORS' APPOINTMENT**

**Mr. Vice-President:** Hon. Senators, I have received the following correspondence from Her Excellency Dr. Linda Savitri Baboolal, Acting President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago:

"THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

By Her Excellency Dr. Linda Savitri Baboolal,  
Acting President and Commander-in-Chief of  
the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

/s/ Linda Baboolal  
Acting President.

TO: MRS. JOAN HACKSHAW-MARSLIN

WHEREAS Senator Mustapha Abdul-Hamid is incapable of performing his duties as a Senator by reason of his absence from Trinidad and Tobago:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LINDA SAVITRI BABOOLAL, Acting President as aforesaid, acting in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister, in exercise of the power vested in me by section 44 of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, do hereby appoint you, JOAN HACKSHAW-

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MARSLIN, to be temporarily a member of the Senate, with effect from 8th November, 2005 and continuing during the absence from Trinidad and Tobago of the said Senator Mustapha Abdul-Hamid.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago at the Office of the President, St. Ann's, this 7th day of November, 2005."

"THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO'

By Her Excellency Dr. Linda Savitri Baboolal, Acting President and Commander-in-Chief of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

/s/ Linda Baboolal  
Acting President

TO: MRS. MAGNA WILLIAMS-SMITH

WHEREAS Senator Christine Kangaloo is incapable of performing her duties as a Senator by reason of her absence from Trinidad and Tobago:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LINDA SAVITRI BABOOLAL, Acting President as aforesaid, acting in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister, in exercise of the power vested in me by section 44 of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, do hereby appoint you, MAGNA WILLIAMS-SMITH, to be temporarily a member of the Senate, with effect from 8th November, 2005 and continuing during the absence from Trinidad and Tobago of the said Senator Christine Kangaloo.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago at the Office of the President, St. Ann's, this 7th day of November, 2005."

"THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO'

By Her Excellency Dr. Linda Savitri Baboolal, Acting President and Commander-in-Chief of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

/s/ Linda Baboolal  
Acting President

TO: MS. BONNIE-LOU DE SILVA

WHEREAS Senator Satish Ramroop is incapable of performing his duties as a Senator by reason of illness:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LINDA SAVITRI BABOOLAL, Acting President as aforesaid, acting in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister, in exercise of the power vested in me by section 44 of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, do hereby appoint you, BONNIE-LOU DE SILVA, to be temporarily a member of the Senate, with immediate effect and continuing during the period of illness of the said Senator Satish Ramroop.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago at the Office of the President, St. Ann's, this 8th day of November, 2005."

"THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

By Her Excellency Dr. Linda Savitri Baboolal,  
Acting President and Commander-in-Chief of  
the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

/s/ Linda Baboolal  
Acting President

TO: MR. NILEUNG ROLAND HYPOLITE

WHEREAS the President of the Senate has temporarily vacated her Office of Senator to act as President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago:

AND WHEREAS the Vice-President of the Senate is acting President of the Senate:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LINDA SAVITRI BABOOLAL, Acting President as aforesaid, acting in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister, in exercise of the power vested in me by section 40(2)(c) and section 44 of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, do hereby appoint you, NILEUNG ROLAND HYPOLITE, to be temporarily a member of the Senate with effect from 8th November, 2005 and continuing during the period that

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Senator Dr. Linda Savitri Baboolal has temporarily vacated her Office as Senator.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago at the Office of the President, St. Ann's, this 7th day of November, 2005.”

#### OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

*The following Senators took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance as required by law:*

Joan Hackshaw-Marslin, Magna Williams-Smith, Bonnie-Lou De Silva, Nileung Roland Hypolite.

#### PAPERS LAID

1. Administrative report of the Ministry of the Attorney General for the year 2002 to 2003. [*The Attorney General (Sen. The Hon. John Jeremie)*]
2. Administrative report of the Ministry of Social Development for the fiscal year 2003 to 2004. [*The Minister of Public Administration and Information (Sen. The Hon. Dr. Lenny Saith)*]
3. Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago report on insurance and pensions for the year ended 31st day of December, 2002. [*The Minister in the Ministry of Finance (Sen. The Hon. Conrad Enill)*]
4. The report of the Commission of Enquiry into the award of all contracts by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago to NH International (Caribbean) Limited and Warner Construction and Sanitation Limited and/or Warner Construction Limited from 2002 to the present. [*Sen. The Hon. J. Jeremie*]
5. The report of the Police Service Commission for the year 2003. [*Sen. The Hon. J. Jeremie*]
6. Eighth report of the Police Complaints Authority for the period October 01, 2003 to September 30, 2004. [*Sen. The Hon. J. Jeremie*]
7. The report of the Siparia Regional Corporation for the period October 2003 to September 2004. [*Sen. The Hon. Dr. L. Saith*]
8. The Civil Proceedings (Amdt.) (No. 4) Rules, 2005. [*Sen. The Hon. J. Jeremie*]

**Civil Proceedings (Amdt.) (No. 4) Rules**

**The Attorney General (Sen. The Hon. John Jeremie):** Mr. Vice-President, I wish to advise that the Statutory Instrument Committee has considered the rules and found that there is nothing to which Senators' attention should be specifically drawn. The minutes of the committee meeting have been circulated to Members.

**ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS**  
**Industrial Gases Limited Incident**  
**(Investigation of)**

**2. Sen. Basharat Ali** asked the hon. Minister of Labour, Small and Micro Enterprise Development:

- A. Could the Minister advise the Senate whether the official investigation into the incident in late February 2005 at the Savonetta Plant of Industrial Gases Limited has been completed?
- B. If the answer to (A) is in the affirmative, could the Minister provide this House with an executive summary of the report including the conclusions and recommendations of the investigators?
- C. Could the Minister also provide the Senate with a complete copy of the report?
- D. If the answer to (A) is in the negative, could the Minister explain to the Senate the reason(s) for the delay in completing this investigation?

**The Minister of Labour, Small and Micro Enterprise Development (Sen. The Hon. Danny Montano):** Mr. Vice-President, thank you. The official investigation into the incident at the Savonetta Plant of Industrial Gases Limited has been completed and copies of the executive summary and the report have been made available to the House.

**Sen. Ali:** Mr. Vice-President, instead of a report being laid, I thought we would have a summary of the findings of that report. I would like the hon. Minister to report to the Senate on that matter.

**Mr. Vice-President:** I am not hearing you clearly.

**Sen. Ali:** Mr. Vice-President, I did say to provide this House with an executive summary of the report including the conclusions and recommendations of the investigations. I expected the hon. Minister, on this occasion—in addition

to laying the report on the Table—to summarize the conclusions and recommendations to this Senate. This is really a follow-up to a question which was tabled and answered in June.

**Sen. The Hon. D. Montano:** Mr. Vice-President, the question was done in a rather strange way. Under Questions for Oral Answer, a written answer was requested and that has been done. There is an executive summary in the file that has been prepared and sent to the Senate. To be frank, I am not quite sure what the Senator is asking for. This has been circulated.

**Sen. Ali:** Mr. Vice-President, I am at a loss because I have not received any documentation. In fact, I did not ask for a written executive summary. An executive summary could be a verbal summary. The final question I asked was for a complete report and that is what I thought would have been a written reply, if it was available. I did not receive any information at all with respect to that matter. I am still hoping that the Minister would answer the part B of the question and that is to provide the House with an executive summary. I did not ask for a written summary.

**Sen. The Hon. D. Montano:** Mr. Vice-President, I do apologize to the Senator. When we received the question, I know that everybody in the Ministry, including myself, interpreted that part of the question as asking for a written summary. One has been done and it would be circulated. If you would like me to read it for you I would be happy to do so. Do you want me to read the executive summary for you?

**Sen. Ali:** Yes.

**Sen. The Hon. D. Montano:** During the filling of oxygen cylinders on February 22, 2005, a cylinder exploded on the—

**Mr. Vice-President:** It appears that there is a concern that Sen. Ali has and I would really like to hear it, please.

**Sen. Ali:** Mr. Vice-President, I did not receive the document, so in the absence of that, I would still like to receive the document and I thought this Senate should have a verbal presentation.

**Mr. Vice-President:** Just before you made that contribution, you said that you would be happy if the Minister could read the report or the summary of it.

**Sen. Ali:** Yes.

**Mr. Vice-President:** Please, continue Minister.

**Sen. The Hon. D. Montano:** I am going to start again. During the filling of oxygen cylinders on February 22, 2005, a cylinder exploded on the oxygen filling platform at the Industrial Gases Limited (IGL) at Savonetta facility. Mr. Shivam Harrylal, the Cylinder Filling Operator, was fatally injured.

The incident involved the filling of a cylinder that was sent from Grenada. The investigation identified that the explosion was caused by the introduction of a high pressure of oxygen into a cylinder that was designed for low pressure gases and which contained acetylene prior to its filling.

Two acetylene cylinders were off-loaded onto the oxygen filling platform.

Other contributing factors to this incident were:

- the system of work for the identification, sorting and filling of cylinders;
- the training and re-training of Mr. Harrylal with respect to the performance of duties of the trans-filling operator;
- the level of supervision; and
- the systems of re-assigning the duties of employees that were absent.

A number of recommendations have been made to address these matters at Industrial Gases Limited. These recommendations relate to:

- development, implementation, monitoring and review of systems to ensure that appropriate cylinders are delivered to the filling platform;
- the review of the system for re-assigning responsibilities of absent employees;
- assessment of workloads taking into consideration human degradation factors;
- procedures to deal with cylinders not originating in Trinidad and Tobago;
- improvement to the tagging system;
- the inclusion of a physical barrier between the filling plant and the offloading platform so as to ensure that cylinders are not inadvertently placed in the filling plant during offloading; and
- improved record keeping.

With respect to statutory requirements, there were no breaches of the Factories Ordinance, Chap. 30, No. 2.

**Sen. Ali:** Mr. Vice-President, if there were no breaches of the Factories Ordinance, I wonder who was responsible for this whole incident. I would like to ask the Minister: Are cylinders not normally colour coded? How can you make a mistake between an acetylene cylinder and an oxygen cylinder? Are they not colour coded to start with? Do they not have to be checked for inspection dates from the point of view of testing? Somebody should be responsible for this.

**Sen. The Hon. D. Montano:** Mr. Vice-President, this was a summary, and the details of all of that are contained in the report that the Senator has asked for. The report does deal with all of that. I would have to read the entire thing to really answer that question properly. The short answer or part answer that I recalled from the report was that the cylinders came from Grenada. While there are requirements in Trinidad and Tobago that are pretty well adhered to, the cylinders in question came from Grenada and that one may not have been marked and coded in the way that cylinders are used in Trinidad.

**Sen. Ali:** Mr. Vice-President, whether the cylinder came from Grenada or Timbuktu it should not matter. There should be a procedure for identification.

**Mr. Vice-President:** Sen. Ali, please ask a question. You clearly started to make a speech. Please, ask a question.

**Sen. Ali:** Thank you, Mr. Vice-President. Is the procedure, say for a cylinder coming from Grenada different from the procedure for handling a cylinder that is from Trinidad and Tobago or from Timbuktu for that matter?

**Sen. The Hon. D. Montano:** Mr. Vice-President, with all due respect to the Senator, I am not an expert in the procedures at Industrial Gases Limited. As far as I am aware, the information that I have in the report is fairly complete. I would much prefer, rather than in any way, shape or form, inadvertently mislead this Senate and the Senator, if the Senator refer to the report.

**Sen. Mark:** Mr. Vice-President, through you, could I ask the hon. Minister when he would be making both the executive summary as well as the copy of the complete report available to this honourable Senate? Are we going to get those reports today?



**Sen. The Hon. D. Montano:** Mr. Vice-President, the practice—and the Senator knows very well—in these cases is that there is a procedure that must go through with respect to the answering of questions. It is necessary for a Minister to get the approval of the Cabinet before an answer is presented here.

What usually happens is that the Cabinet Secretariat forwards the approved answer directly to the Red House. If that has not happened, I do apologize. I have my copies here which I would make available to the staff of the House and have them copied and circulated at the earliest convenience, hopefully this afternoon.

**Sen. Ali:** Mr. Vice-President, one final question. Is the complete report being made available to the Senate?

**Sen. The Hon. D. Montano:** Yes.

**Mr. Vice-President:** Sen. Ali, could you go to the next question, please?

**International Steel Group (ISG) Plant Incident  
(Investigation of)**

**3. Sen. Basharat Ali** asked the hon. Minister of Labour, Small and Micro Enterprise Development:

- A. Could the Minister advise the Senate whether the investigation into the incident at the International Steel Group (ISG) Plant, Point Lisas has been completed?
- B. If the answer to (A) is in the affirmative, could the Minister provide this House with an executive summary of the report?
- C. If the answer to (A) is in the negative, could the Minister inform the Senate of the reasons(s) for the protracted delay in completing this investigation?

**The Minister of Labour, Small and Micro Enterprise Development (Sen. The Hon. Danny Montano):** Mr. Vice-President, before I read the answer that I have approved here, we have the same situation and that is we have prepared an answer for circulation. Would you like me to read the executive summary? Is that what you would like? There is a summary and I do not know whether you want it circulated or whether you want me to read it.

**Sen. Ali:** Mr. Vice-President, I would like it to be read in the absence of a written report.

**Sen. The Hon. D. Montano:** On May 18, 2005 three contract workers and one employee of the above stated firm suffered first and second degree burns during a maintenance operation at the southern side of the plant. One of the contract workers, Mr. Dale Paul, of Welfab Limited, succumbed to his injuries the following day.

ISG Trinidad Unlimited is a manufacturer of hot briquetted iron (HBI). This production process is referred to as the New Discharge System (NDS). There was a shut down of the plant on May 13, 2005 to facilitate maintenance. As part of the maintenance operations valves are stroked, that is, they are opened and closed repeatedly. During this process, powdered direct reduced iron (DRI) was discharged through a 12-inch slide gate valve falling at least three to four levels below through the gratings, the flooring of the levels.

There was an exothermic reaction in which the powdered DRI reoxidized and ignited upon being exposed to the atmosphere. This led to the injuries sustained by the four workers who were in its direct pathway.

With respect to legal implications, there were no direct breaches of the Factories Ordinance, Chap. 30, No. 2.

The recommendations are:

- Systems should be in place to ensure that safe work procedures are followed.
- Considering that the operations at ISG Trinidad Unlimited are inherently hazardous, sufficient emphasis should be placed on improving the safety culture. This should be regarded as a long term and systematic process, based on an initial assessment then determining priorities for change.
- More effective coordination, communication and control should be exercised by both the employer and contractors.

**Sen. Ali:** Mr. Vice-President, listening to that explanation, I wonder how on a plant which was shut down—could the Minister say how this material was falling down? Did they have proper safety certificates which gave them the okay to go and do that work? I do not know how it happened. I am trying to get an explanation because the hon. Minister said that this material came down. I do not know from how far up. What was the material doing there in the first instance on a plant which was shut down? That is my question.

**Sen. The Hon. D. Montano:** Mr. Vice-President, I cannot answer that. I just do not have that level of information.

**Sen. Ali:** Mr. Vice-President, the hon. Minister cannot answer, yet the final statement is that there was no breach of the Factories Ordinance. So, where are we on this whole issue if there was no breach of the Factories Ordinance? Did the hon. Minister just take somebody's word for granted? I do not know.

**Sen. Jeremie:** Perhaps, I should assist. What the Minister is speaking to, in accordance with the Standing Orders, are questions of fact. He is not able, as I understand it, to give a best guess as to what happened in relation to an incident which is not a question of fact, within Standing Order 17(1)(a).

**Sen. Ali:** Mr. Vice-President, through you, I would like to ask whether there would be an inquest, in view of the fact that no conclusion was reached as to how this happened. Is there going to be an inquest into this death?

**Sen. The Hon. D. Montano:** Mr. Vice-President, I have nothing to do with an inquest. That is not really part of this question. I cannot answer that question.

**Sen. Jeremie:** It is an unnatural death and under the Coroners Act, I believe the Director of Public Prosecutions has the power to order an inquest. What I am going to undertake to do is to follow up the matter with him and to see whether that could be done in this case.

**Sen. Ali:** Thank you, Mr. Vice-President.

**Mr. Vice-President:** Question No. 4.

#### **Toxic Chemicals Regulations (Status of)**

**4. Sen. Basharat Ali** asked the hon. Minister of Health:

- A. Could the Minister advise what is the status of the Toxic Chemicals Regulations?
- B. Could the Minister further advise when would these Regulations be laid in both Houses of Parliament?

**The Minister of Public Administration and Information (Sen. The Hon. Dr. Lenny Saith):** Mr. Vice-President, I have been advised that answers to questions Nos. 4 and 9 are not yet ready. I would seek the indulgence of the Senate for the deferral of these questions for two weeks.

**Sen. Ali:** Mr. Vice-President, once again, I am referring back to when the first question on this matter was asked and the reply was given on the 7th which said that it is expected that these Toxic Chemicals Regulations would be laid in both Houses of Parliament in July 2004. It is now November 2005. I cannot count the number of months but, I mean, is this a case where the hon. Minister of Health has not delivered?

**Mr. Vice-President:** Mr. Minister, do you have an answer?

**Sen. The Hon. Dr. L. Saith:** I do not think that question requires an answer. It is a rhetorical question.

*Question, by leave, deferred.*

*The following question stood on the Order Paper in the name of Sen. Sadiq Baksh:*

**Palmiste Development La Romain  
(Development of)**

9. Could the hon. Minister of Planning and Development state:
- A. Exactly what part of Palmiste Development, La Romain is earmarked for development by the Urban Development Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago (UDeCOTT);
  - B. To whom do these lands belong?
  - C. How did these lands change hands; and
  - D. At what price? [*Sen. S. Baksh*]

*Question, by leave, deferred.*

**WRITTEN ANSWER TO QUESTION  
Water and Sewerage Authority  
(Details of)**

5. **Sen. Wade Mark** asked the Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment:
- (a) Could the Minister provide this Senate with a detailed breakdown of the names and addresses of all the residential or commercial, industrial and other charitable users owing the \$500 million plus arrears to the Water and Sewerage Authority as at September 30 2005; and
  - (b) Could the Minister further provide this Senate with details on the sums of money owed by each residential, commercial and industrial

customer as well as each charitable organization (customer) to the Water and Sewerage Authority as at September 2005?

*Vide end of sitting for written answer.*

#### INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT BILL

Bill to provide for the prevention and punishment of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes, to give effect to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court done at Rome on the Seventeenth Day of July, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Eight; and for purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto [*The Minister of Foreign Affairs*]; read the first time.

#### LAND ACQUISITION

**The Minister of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources (Hon. Jarrette Narine)** Mr. Vice-President, thank you very much. I beg to move the following Motion standing in my name:

*Be it Resolved* that this House approve the decision of the President to acquire the lands described in Appendix II to the Order Paper for the public purposes specified.

Mr. Vice-President, it is the role of this Government to formulate public policy and initiate programmes and projects that will increasingly benefit the citizens of Trinidad and Tobago. Time and time again, we have brought initiatives to this honourable Senate that have resulted in the increased access to public goods and services to the people of Trinidad and Tobago. Our objective in these undertakings is to ensure the future prosperity of this nation and deliver an increasing standard of living to our people.

The Public Sector Investment Programme (PSIP) outlined in the 2006 budget clearly signals the Government's intention to use the resources of this country for attaining sustainable national development and improving the quality of life for all citizens. The Land Acquisition Act, No. 28 of 1994 allows for the acquisition of private lands for the implementation of development projects. The Lands and Surveys Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources utilized over \$11.6 million during fiscal 2005 in this regard. A total of 20 projects were identified and are at various stages of completion.

Mr. Vice-President, it should be understood that, in order for Government to effect the necessary development and bring the improved standard of living to all our citizens, acquisition of private lands very often becomes necessary. Mr. Vice-

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President, the Government controls approximately 53 per cent of the country's land resources. However, the most appropriate locations for the establishment of development projects do not always exist on lands owned by the State.

For these reasons, it frequently becomes necessary for the State to acquire privately-owned land to establish public facilities. Today, Government is presenting a Motion for compulsory acquisition of privately owned lands that will impact on four significant projects, and these include:

1. drainage improvement of works to the Caparo River;
2. widening of the La Sieva River in Maraval;
3. extension of the Diego Martin Highway; and
4. the laying of natural gas pipelines for the development of the natural gas industry of Trinidad and Tobago.

These acquisitions will facilitate the implementation of the above projects, which will impact significantly on the social and economic development of Trinidad and Tobago.

Project one—drainage improvement works to the Caparo River: In the appendix to the Order Paper, Government is seeking the approval of this Senate for the acquisition of three parcels of land totalling 1,929.7 square metres in the county of Caroni.

Mr. Vice-President, by memorandum dated September 29, 2004, the Commissioner of Valuations advised that the estimated cost of acquisition is in the sum of \$350,000. Cabinet approved this valuation and an advanced payment of \$255,064.80 was made to the beneficiaries.

The Government has been paying particular attention to drainage and flood control procedures throughout Trinidad and Tobago and has been allocating substantial resources towards improving drainage and reducing flooding nationwide.

In fiscal 2004, the Government invested a total of \$24.4 million in infrastructure geared towards controlling flooding and improving the country's drainage network.

In fiscal 2005, more than \$119.6 million was provided for the improvement of drainage and irrigation infrastructure throughout the country. This resulted in the control of flooding, particularly in low-lying areas and a reduction in the severity of coastal erosion and flooding.

Under the comprehensive drainage development programme detailed designs for the Mamoral dam and reservoir were completed at a cost of \$4.5 million. This project was estimated to cost \$110 million over a four-year period and is aimed at alleviating flooding in the Caparo River Basin and surrounding areas. An allocation of \$46.4 million has been made to facilitate improvements in drainage and irrigation infrastructure and to control flooding in Trinidad and Tobago in fiscal 2006. This sum includes \$10 million to start construction of the Mamoral dam and flood detention reservoir.

This project will also facilitate the further development of the agriculture sector, as well as enhance the food security of Trinidad and Tobago. This would be done by mitigating against flooding during the wet season and providing critical irrigation water during the dry season. This project will also contribute to boosting agricultural output.

Project number two—widening of the La Sieva River, Maraval: As described in Appendix II to the Order Paper, Government is seeking the approval of this honourable Senate for the acquisition of a parcel of land comprising 247.7 square metres and situated at La Sieva Road in the ward of Diego Martin, in the county of St. George.

Cabinet agreed, by Minute No. 3277, dated December 30, 1992, that upon publication of a section 3 notice, the Director of Surveys would be authorized, under the provisions of section 4 of the Land Acquisition Act, Chap. 58:01, to carry out work on the said land prior to its vesting in the Senate.

On October 29, 2004, the Commissioner of Valuations advised that the sum of \$30,000 represented the open market value for the subject lands. In this respect, Cabinet agreed to this acquisition under the provisions of section 5(2) of the Land Acquisition Act, No. 28 of 1994.

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Mr. Vice-President, this is another project that is intended to reduce the incidence of flooding and minimize the consequential damage to that area.

Project No. 3: Extension of the Diego Martin Highway. Government is also seeking the approval of this honourable Senate for the acquisition of seven parcels of land together containing 1,803.8 square metres. These lands are situated at Mendez Drive, Diego Martin in the county of St. George and are described in Appendix II, to the Order Paper.

In 2005, the Government invested an amount of \$407.9 million for the expansion and improvement of the roads and bridges infrastructure throughout

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Trinidad and Tobago. The National Highways Programme received a revised allocation of \$226.6 million of investments on roads and bridges in fiscal year 2005. This Government believes that sound infrastructure is an essential prerequisite for achieving the level of social and economic development which is needed to realize the goals of Vision 2020.

In fiscal year 2006, the sum of \$333.4 million was allocated for continued improvement and expansion of the roads and bridges network in Trinidad and Tobago. Over \$113 million will be invested in the National Highways Programme. This will continue the advancement of all components of this programme, including the completion of the Diego Martin Highway extension.

Project No. 4: The laying of natural gas pipelines for the development of the natural gas industry of Trinidad and Tobago. With respect to this project, Government is seeking the approval of this Senate for acquisition of 366 parcels of land, together containing approximately 128.56 hectares and 6,292.4 square metres. The details of these properties are in the schedule attached as the Appendix to the Order Paper.

Mr. Vice-President, by way of background, it should be noted that Government had earlier agreed:

- (a) To the compulsory acquisition of two corridors of lands for the construction of the receiving station at Bichefield, Guayaguayare, and for the construction of pipelines to transport natural gas from Bichefield to Point Fortin and continuing to Point Lisas; and
- (b) To the leasing of the corridors to the National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited and NGC sub-leasing the right of ways bearing to bpTT, Atlantic LNG and Phoenix Park Gas Processors Limited.

The Commissioner of Valuations by letters dated July 19, July 21 and August 16, 2004 had estimated the total cost of acquisition in the sum of \$21,070,000. This sum was advanced by the NGC and deposited into the Consolidated Fund. The National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited and its subsidiaries are principally engaged in the transaction of natural gas with industrial gas users. The NGC group has therefore embarked on projects to enhance the effectiveness of its business processes.

NGC and other stakeholders of Atlantic LNG are currently constructing Train 4 with a capacity to produce 5.2 million tonnes of LNG per year. Completion of this project will make Trinidad and Tobago the fifth largest exporter in the world. It is



expected that the first shipment of LNG from Train 4 will take place sometime this month. NGC has been mandated to develop, operate and maintain a 76.5 kilometre long, 56-inch diameter onshore pipeline across the south of Trinidad.

This cross island pipeline will have a transmission capacity of 2.4 billion cubic feet per day. It is intended to transport gas to the LNG Atlantic Train 4 expansion and other gas-based industries. The acquisition of these private properties will also facilitate the Bichefield Upstream Development project, which involves the construction of 63 kilometres long, 36-inch diameter offshore pipeline from bpTT Cassia B platform off the south-east coast of Trinidad. These projects present critical investment in the energy sector, which is the cornerstone of our economic prosperity. These, therefore, represent very significant interventions in the economy of Trinidad and Tobago.

Mr. Vice-President, the acquisition of these privately owned lands and implementation of the respective projects demonstrates this Government's commitment to providing new and improved social and economic facilities. You will observe that the acquisition and the related developments allocated throughout the country, and that is in the North of Trinidad, in Central Trinidad and also in South Trinidad. The acquisition of these private properties for construction of public facilities demonstrates this Government's prudent and innovative approach to land utilization in Trinidad and Tobago. It is clear that this Government is committed to the judicious utilization of our resources, including our land resource, for the public good.

**Sen. R. Montano:** You mean judicious, not judicial.

**Hon. J. Narine:** Judicious.

**Sen. R. Montano:** Thank you.

**Hon. J. Narine:** Our land use policy can no longer be based on a framework of a mono-sector economy.

**Sen. R. Montano:** Of a what?

**Hon. J. Narine:** A mono-sector, a single sector—as it was in the distant past when agriculture was essentially our economy. During that period, decisions with respect to land use were based on whether the lands were to be used for sugarcane, coconuts, cocoa, citrus or bananas.

Mr. Vice-President, in a multisector economy, such as exists in Trinidad and Tobago today, land use decisions cannot be as clear cut, one has to consider the competing use of lands and our limited land resources. There is agriculture, tourism,

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industry, housing, communications, recreation, et cetera; all these competing uses must be satisfied. It is in this context that the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources has been putting a number of new systems in place that will improve the management, administration and utilization of our limited land resources. Some of the new initiatives currently pursued by the Ministry include:

1. Review of the 1992 State land policy document and the formulation of a new policy document entitled: *Policy for the management of State lands*.
2. The preparation of a business plan and an action plan for the creation of a state land management authority.
3. The creation and filling of the position of Commissioner of State Lands, which was done last year.
4. The preparation of a draft State Land Management Bill, 2004, which seeks to establish the State Land Management Authority.
5. The establishment of a land data sharing system, which seeks to share land data between Lands and Surveys Division, the Registrar General's Department and the Land Administration Department.
6. The ongoing project to create electronic parcel index maps from existing ward and section sheets in the Lands and Surveys Division.
7. To prepare regulations for the Registration of Titles and Land Act, the Land Tribunal Act and the Land Adjudication Act.

In accordance with Act No. 28 of 1994, the section 3 notices of intent to acquire in respect of all these projects have been published; negotiations with the private landowners were completed; and the level of compensation to be paid for the respective properties was agreed upon. In all instances, the section 4 notices were published within the stipulated time. These gave the State the right to enter the said lands and to commence work on the various projects. In all instances, the appropriate authority required to commence work in establishing the respective development facility has been sought and obtained.

Mr. Vice-President, all the projects are currently in varying stages of completion. These facilities are expected to bring tremendous relief to citizens and significant improvement to the social and economic well-being of respective regions and communities within Trinidad and Tobago.

The State has also sought to meet with its responsibility to the citizens whose lands have been acquired. In accordance with the provisions of the Land

Acquisition Act, No. 28 of 1994, the State invited claims for compensation in respect of all lands acquired upon publication of section 4 notices. In all these cases, the claims have been investigated and verified; 80 per cent of the compensation as allowed by law was paid. A 9 per cent will accrue on the outstanding balances until final payments are made.

In the case of 366 parcels which were acquired for the development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago, the National Gas Company has advanced the full cost of these acquisitions, that is, \$21,070,000. These funds have been deposited under Head 111, Treasury Deposits; Subhead 581: Acquisition of sites for the National Gas Company pipeline. In this regard, payments are made to beneficiaries in accordance with section 5 of the Land Acquisition Act, No. 28 of 1994.

The Cabinet has agreed to the formal completion of the acquisition of these various parcels of land. Cabinet has also recommended the transmission of these matters to Parliament for the publication of section 5 Notification, which will signal the formal acquisition and bring closure to these matters. There were constraints, Mr. Vice-President. They were that each parcel of land had to be negotiated with the respective landowners; this was usually time consuming. Two, there is a limit to the numbers of surveyed plans which the Lands and Surveys Division could process at any one time. Three, in this instance, we were dealing with 377 parcels of land; survey plans had to be prepared for each parcel, and each parcel had to be negotiated with the landowner. Four, each parcel of land had to be examined and valued by the Commissioner of Valuations. These 377 various parcels of land could not have been brought to Parliament on a piecemeal basis; we had to await the completion of the entire package.

Mr. Vice-President, the new initiatives currently being put in place by the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources will certainly facilitate future land acquisitions. I therefore seek the support of this honourable Senate for this Motion.

Mr. Vice-President, I beg to move.

*Question proposed.*

**Sen. Dr. Jennifer Kernahan:** Thank you, Mr. Vice-President. We have a Motion before us that reads as follows:

Be it resolved that this House approve the decision of the President to acquire the lands described in Appendix II to the Order Paper for the public purposes specified by the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources.

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According to the hon. Minister in his presentation, the objective of this Motion before us is to ensure the future prosperity of the nation and to deliver an increase in the standard of living to our people. Sustainable development was also mentioned as an objective. I would like us in this honourable Senate this afternoon to take note that future prosperity and improvement in the standard of living will not be achieved by the mere fact of acquisition of lands, but it could and will be achieved by the approach any particular government takes to the development of these lands, whether they be acquired lands, state lands or private lands. If the approach to development does not factor in the cost to the environment; the cost to our fragile ecosystems, then the consequences can be dire.

The consequences—if you do not factor in these costs to the eco-system and to the environment—are, one, the total opposite to what the Minister hopes to achieve, you would have unsustainable development. Two, you would have irreversible loss and degradation to our ecosystems. Three, you would have human well-being seriously jeopardized, because the relationship between human beings, this environment and the ecosystem is a very dynamic one. And if you have problems; if you have degradation; if you have overexploitation of the environment, and degradation of your ecosystem, then it jeopardizes the health of the society; our social relations; our security; our ability to make choices; our ability to plan for the future.

As responsible citizens of this country; of this land poor twin-island state, I believe that as Senators, it is our duty and responsibility, this afternoon, to address not only the question of land acquisition, but Government's policies and actions that are perpetrated on these lands that are acquired, whether they are acquired or whether they are state lands, since these lands are the common heritage of all our people. They are the ecological heritage of all the citizens of Trinidad and Tobago, and it is our duty as Senators here this afternoon, to protect those lands and to take our duty for the protection of these lands very seriously, whether it is a question of acquiring lands. We will not rubber-stamp any motion that comes before us; we have to examine exactly what it entails; what is the track record and what is the history of this Government, with respect to the development and treatment of lands that they control at this point in time.

We are very cognizant of the fact that human development is inexorable; it is infinite; it is insatiable and it is an inescapable process. Over the past 40 years in this country, we have seen a relentless process of several developments, urbanization for example. I remember when I was growing up, one of the treats of

the weekend was when your parents would put you in the car and they would take you for a drive in the country. As you moved out of the urban areas and moved into the rural areas, there was a total change in atmosphere. There was a lot more forestry; there were trees; it was cooler; you did not see the number of houses, industries and shops; you were in a totally different time zone, practically, when you moved out of the urban areas.

Today, as the development has taken place, you have seen an elimination of the differences between town and country, and it is practically all the same. A drive through Gonzales; a drive through Port of Spain is almost the same as a drive through Cumuto or Coryal or one of those so-called country villages. The houses; there is a lot of development; the concrete jungle has spread inexorably throughout the length and breadth of the country. With that, we have seen naturally, on this process the growth of population. We have along with that a loss of forest reserve; tremendous loss of forest cover over the last 30 years. We have less than 50 per cent forest cover, when 30 years ago it was about 70 per cent. We have lost our forests to industry; to housing; to illegal logging, all these are concomitant with development, and not necessarily good development.

We have seen a lot of our environment affected by illegal settlements. We have seen our environment terribly affected; the flooding and so on that was referred to by the Minister, by sometimes legal settlements. Settlements of people with lots of money, who go on the highest points in the hills, and a lot of degradation of these hills is taking place, with the consequential flooding and inconveniences that we are battling with every day in this country.

We have seen a tremendous loss of biodiversity over the years in our environment, and this Government has not helped—I will go into that later. We have seen pollution; the industrialization has produced tremendous pollution in the north, in the south, due to waste being run off into the rivers and the streams, and so on.

These are serious issues and when we are talking about land acquisition, and the Government is acquiring land, we need to have that kind of confidence in our government. That this Government would not be part of the problem; would not be part of the degradation and the destruction of our environment, but our Government would stand up and protect our future; protect the environment for our future generations.

The question of the finite and land poor status that we enjoy in Trinidad and Tobago, was raised in the *Trinidad Guardian*, Thursday, March 24, 2005. The

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headline was: "Century of oil with a debatable legacy", and one of the paragraphs says here:

"On an increasing basis, due to the rapid industrialization and development of the country, land is becoming scarce. At the 2005 TTPC, Prakash Saith of NEC, pointed out that the options available for land for new industrial estates were limited."

Mr. Vice-President, that is the prognosis and we have to be very concerned. People who know are saying that land for industrial development is limited; land for agricultural development is limited; land for housing is limited. We are a land poor country and the lands that we have it is our responsibility, when we are talking about acquisition of lands and so on, to ensure that we tag this; that we tag some conditionalities to acquisition.

The conditionalities to acquisition must be that the Government answers some serious questions with respect to policy for the treatment and development of these lands. We would see as I go along in my contribution that this Government does not have a good track record with respect to the proper development and treatment of lands. There are always any number of good reasons for encroachment and destruction of the natural environment. There are always any number of good reasons for the acquisition of land, and in the Motion before us, there are a number of very good reasons why this Government would want to acquire lands.

The Minister spoke about the drainage and improvement works to Caparo, but we have a serious question on this issue. The three parcels of land comprising 1,927.7 square metres is the land that is quoted here as being acquired for drainage improvement works to the Caparo River. It seems that that figure is very low; I do not know if the Minister intends to acquire more lands for this purpose, but that is less than half an acre, and we want to know at some point, if the Minister would enlighten us. This seems like land designated for a swimming pool. I do not know to what extent that any serious works to the drainage of the Caparo River would be undertaken with this particular piece of land.

There are also other reasons given here. Widening of the La Sieva river in Maraval; the extension of the Diego Martin Highway; the laying of the natural gas pipelines for the development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago, which seems to be the major project here, and the major expenditure and so on.

So, we always have good reasons to encroach on our environment; to degrade our environment; to mash up our ecosystem, but the question is: This highly touted objective of the higher quality of life and sustainable development, is it plausible? This is what I am asking myself this afternoon. We are going to spend all this money—millions—to give to the beneficiaries. We are going to do serious damage to our ecosystem and our environment, and the objective, as stated by the Minister, is not plausible. The objective—given the track record and the history of this Government with respect to how it treats with land, this Government has a history of being ecosystem unfriendly; of devastating lands, which we saw quite clearly in their attack on the Union Estate in La Brea.

It is clear that given the track record of this Government; given the attacks on lands, on our very fragile and very important forest that we have seen over the last year, that no sustainable development is possible under this Government; under its *modus operandi*. In fact, if this Government does not factor the ecological information into development, as is advocated by Mr. Roger Higman of the UK Friends of the Environment; if this Government does not factor in the cost of that ecological destruction and so on, the cost that the Minister quoted is much, much higher.

**2.45 p.m.**

The millions that we pay to the beneficiaries for the acquisition of this land, we also have to factor in the millions of dollars lost to us and to future generations because of the destruction of these lands.

Mr. Vice-President, the destruction of lands for development is not a given; it can be ameliorated, you can plan and you can minimize, but this Government does not operate in that manner. Their attitude is live for today and let the future generations see for themselves. This is how they operate in the financial sector, in the economic sector, in the sector of agriculture and in land use and land development.

Mr. Vice-President, if any Government is serious about development, we have to balance, we know that we must balance. We must balance the development process, human development is inevitable as I said, inexorable. But you must balance how you deal with your environment, how you deal with your ecosystems. My question: Is there any reason why we Senators here this afternoon should feel confident and hand over all these hundreds of acres of land to the Government and feel confident that these lands will be used; will be developed in an eco-friendly fashion; if damage to the environment will be minimized; if there are plans and if the Environmental Management Authority (EMA) will have the

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authority to really protect these lands and to insist that procedures are followed? The point is that we have every reason to feel very alarmed; to not have this confidence and to be very sure that millions of dollars, in addition to the millions paid to the beneficiaries, are also going to be lost by the mishandling of these lands, because of the track record of this Government. It is not that we are not sure what they are going to do, we have seen what they are capable of. We have seen their destructive devil-may-care attitude to the lands and the environment in this country.

Mr. Vice-President, I would like the Minister to tell us, really; I would have liked him to tell us actually, what steps are being taken by his Ministry, this Government, to avoid the repetition of the wanton and unthinking damage; the irreversible damage to the ecosystem that was perpetrated in Union Estate. What assurances do we have from the Minister that any different processes or procedures are going to be taken or have been taken, because the gas pipeline is in train? Hundreds of acres around this project have been devastated. What steps were taken to ameliorate, to lessen or to ensure that there is minimal damage done and that the restoration of these areas is in fact planned for and will take place as soon as possible?

The reason for our total lack of confidence in this Government and the reason I do not think Senators can sit here very confidently this afternoon and give this Government the authority to acquire all these lands and to pay out all this money, is because of their track record as I said. I want to quote a few paragraphs from a Motion on the Adjournment that was brought by Sen. Carolyn Seepersad-Bachan on the same issue of the Union Estate and the kind of damage—I need to remind this Senate of the kind of damage this Government has perpetrated on lands in this country. The hon. Minister spoke a lot about the plans and bills that are going to be brought by the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources for the protection of land in this country. But I want to remind the hon. Minister that in spite of having a Commissioner of State Lands; in spite of the Environmental Management Authority and in spite of all those agencies and safeguards, the Government ran into Union Estate and started to bulldoze that place without so much as “by your leave”. The Commissioner of State Lands was none the wiser until after the fact and this is how this Government operates.

This is a Government that respects no law and that respects no authority; the Environmental Management Authority in unable to perform its function because of the autocratic and the dictatorial attributes of this Government and this is what is happening. So I do not know why the hon. Minister is so confident and so happy that he is going to bring all these bills and all these new measures, because



they do not listen to any of the Ministers. The Prime Minister goes ahead and does his special projects and his flashy projects no matter what any of these Ministers say. I believe the hon. Minister is living in a different sort of paradise. I do not want to be unparliamentary.

Mr. Vice-President, in this contribution to this honourable Senate, Sen. Seepersad-Bachan said and I quote; and it has to do here with the same agencies, the NEC and the National Gas Company that the Minister quoted this afternoon:

“Madam President, the matter that I raise this afternoon is the failure of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago and its state agencies, the National Gas Company and the Environmental Management Authority to address the environmental concerns of the residents of Vessigny and the surrounding areas of La Brea.

The La Brea villagers woke up one morning to find that the forest which surrounded them and the lake in which they fished, bathed and did their laundry, had vanished. Like a thief in the night, the National Energy Corporation, (NEC), a subsidiary of the National Gas Company, cleared the dense vegetation of the Union Estate, close to 700 acres of forest.”

This is one of the most dastardly crimes against the environment that has been committed in this country over the last 40 years and it has been done by this administration and this Government that is seeking to acquire more lands to perpetrate the same kind of acts on these poor lands as they have done in Union Estate. I want to go on and quote the last paragraph:

“I want to quote from the Environment Impact Assessment Report which states that there is dense vegetation covering 70 per cent of the proposed site and that these forests are an important ecological asset, particularly in the light of the present rate of deforestation in Trinidad. These forests represent a substantial resource for fauna, as evidenced by the large number of animal species documented on the site. Of the 10 mammals recorded on this site there are the howler monkeys, the Tyra porcupine and the anteater. I just quote these three because these are the ones that are sensitive and are threatened.”

This is a Government that pays all the lip service to the environment and protection of the environment in the social and economic policy framework. There are a whole set of nice platitudes here on the protection of the environment and this is what they actually went ahead and did without consultation with the Ministry, without consultation with the Commissioner of State Lands, without consultation with the villagers and with the people who were directly affected.

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This is a dictatorial, autocratic Government. We can have absolutely no confidence in handing over anything to them or having any confidence that sustainable development and improved standard of living will come out of this.

I strongly and firmly believe that we as Senators here this afternoon must not be afraid to attach conditionalities to the approval of the acquisition of lands here this afternoon. It is our duty to our present and future generations and it is absolutely important, because this Government has absolutely no vision for a future of this country. They believe that when this Government goes out of existence Trinidad will just shut down, and it is not so. We will have descendents here for hundreds and hundreds of years who are going to have a very hard time because of the bad policies implemented by this Government.

I would like to refer at this point to the *Trinidad Guardian*, Saturday, April 02, 2005 an article by Gail Alexander and it is named "The dwindling green". She refers to the Millennium Environmental Survey Assessment Report:

"The report was done by international groups headed by the World Bank and UN agencies in response to a UN call. Scientists from 95 countries contributed: T&T Independent Senator Angela Cropper—who works with the UN—released the report in London, speaking about it on CNN Wednesday."

This report, in addition to being global also spoke to issues in Trinidad and Tobago. One of the issues raised in this report and I quote:

"The survey notes that two-thirds of the world's natural systems—including air, and water—supporting mankind are depleted..."

This is a global observation and it is also a regional and local problem. It goes on to say:

"It was found that land devoted to industry has doubled since 1960. Fifteen ecosystems are now under serious threat.

The bottom line: that man is living beyond his means where natural systems are concerned."

This article goes on to say and I quote:

"Contacted at his Washington office Wednesday and asked about T&T, Dr. Watson said: 'This report is for developing countries as much as developed ones. In developing countries, reliance on the economy for goods, services, clean water, food, etc, comes at the cost of degrading ecosystems—reefs,

mangroves, forests—which have functions. Reefs protect from storm surges. Forests purify air and provide climate control.

There isn't one solution. We must take a long look at how we provide what's needed, considering the importance of ecosystems.”

Mr. Vice-President, this is totally and directly relevant to what is happening in Trinidad today. We have seen a total deforestation. We have seen the massacre of 700 acres of important forest lands in the context of what is happening in the world today—deforestation—and we need forests to purify the air and to provide climate control. When we see these freak storms; when we see these different climate phenomena, we know that we in Trinidad and Tobago, because of the irresponsible Government, are part of the problem and we are not part of the solution.

Mr. Vice-President, we know, and you will know that other developed and developing countries are paying an extremely high price for the neglect of their environment and the destruction of their ecosystems. Right here in the Caribbean Haiti is a virtual wasteland because of the overexploitation of the forest and the natural woodlands in that country. They have no water and they have no cover; it is a virtual wasteland. There is practical desertification taking place in these countries and if we are not careful we will go down the same route and that is not a pretty road.

There are many NGOs and there are many citizens in this country who are concerned about land-use policy, about the balance between development and sustainable development, the protection of the environment and the protection of the biodiversity and the ecosystems and so on. One of these prominent writers in the *Trinidad Guardian* on Monday, June 06, 2005, Leela Ramdeen spoke to these issues, and I quote:

“I believe that we can have growth and the environment. Here in T&T we can and must do more to save our planet. Firstly, we need a more robust and targeted education programme on environmental awareness. We must strengthen our legislative frameworks and regulatory apparatus, eg laws relating to factories, forests, water resources, environmental conservation, prevention of air and water pollution, and wildlife protection.”

Talking about water pollution, Mr. Vice-President, in the Social and Economic Policy Framework 2005/2007, this Government is still talking about bringing rules for water pollution to this Parliament, since these policies and these rules were supposed to be brought to this Parliament over four years ago, and they are stalling. They are not doing what they are supposed to do and the country is

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suffering and our future generations will pay the price for that. Ramdeen goes on to say:

“Policy statements are not enough. We need monitoring networks and enforcement machinery/agencies at state and local levels. We are all stakeholders, therefore civil society has a great role to play in this area.”

She went on to say:

“Environmentally irresponsible actions should be prevented or penalised. I wonder how our standards compare with international standards and whether, for example, we accept emissions from multinationals and others that will not be tolerated in “First World” countries?”

Mr. Vice-President, I totally agree with Ms. Ramdeen in this regard, but the big question is how do you prevent or penalise an uncaring government? How do you prevent or penalise a lawless government? A government that pretends to set up these agencies and these areas of authority, and they sit in their cabals and make their plans and then they go right ahead behind the backs of these agencies and authorities; in front the faces of these agencies and authorities and refuse to comply with any of the laws, any of the legislation, any of the rules and any of the regulations that are supposed to protect our environment. How do we deal with that?

I would like Ms. Ramdeen, maybe, to tell us how. How do you deal with a government that has no respect for law and for order? This total lack of disrespect for law and for order, for the agencies and for the legislation transcends from the head to the bottom of the society; that is why we are where we are today in this society. People are not stupid. They say: “If the priest could play who is me?” The Government do not care about anything, they do not respect laws and they do not respect any agencies, so why should we care about anything? Why should we care about the police? Why should we care about gun laws and breaking laws? People seem to have that attitude in this country right now.

Mr. Vice-President, the issue of the Green Fund and the National Physical Development Plan are critical to the protection of the environment and are critical to this whole issue of acquisition of lands. Because since 2004 we have been calling for the National Physical Development Plan that would give us an idea of where this Government is going in terms of developing land use, because we have said we accept the fact that land use would change and developments will take place and so on. But it has to be within an environment of planning.

What happens is that this Government is refusing to bring any National Physical Development Plan to this Parliament because this is a Government that works by vaps. People have dreams; people have spiritual mothers and things and people do go by voices; apparently people hear voices and all that. So when you hear your voices and you talk to your spiritual mother and you get your vaps, you do not want to have anything to stop you when you are ready to go and bulldoze 700 acres of land in Union Estate. And that is why this Government would not bring a National Physical Development Plan to this Parliament for approval for us to have an idea where we are going. What is this future? What is this country going to look like? Are we going to have a set of unplanned development, by vaps, or are we going to have a fairly clear idea of how this country will develop, and this is what is happening? This issue is a perennial issue.

I want to quote from an article on Wednesday, March 09, 2005, the *Newsday* article by Rayden Boodan, and the headline is “Regulations not yet promulgated, hence - \$465.9M Green Fund not utilised”. It said and I quote:

“The Green Fund has not yet been utilised because the regulations have not yet been promulgated, according to Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Public Utilities and the Environment, Earl Nesbitt.

Nesbitt was speaking before the Joint Select Committee on Government ministries, statutory authorities and State enterprises, chaired by Senator Parvatee Anmolsingh-Mahabir.

The Green Fund was established in 2000 and is fuelled by 0.1 percent tax on the gross sales of companies doing business in Trinidad and Tobago.

The purpose of the fund is to enable various agencies and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to apply for finance to carry out environmental conservation projects. The fund is currently worth \$465,932,063.86. However no disbursements have yet been made from the Fund.

Senator Wade Mark asked why the process to activate the fund is taking so long. Nesbitt replied that a technical committee reported in 2003 that the original Green Fund Act did not provide for enough accountability and transparency measures and recommended that the legislation be revisited.”

Mr. Vice-President, in plain English, it was sent to the cold storage; it was sent to the morgue. Nobody wants to deal with the question of environmental protection and nobody wants to deal with any real issues in this country. All this Government wants to deal with are the superficialities—\$400 million for the bad boys and for the gangs; control the communities and have everybody upset and

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everybody off balance; keep this country locked down and keep the people terrified and under the gun, and they are sure to win the next general election because they will promise a strong man to come and bring this country back. Bring in the FBI, bring in the CIA and bring in all the foreign agencies, and they are sure to have everybody going behind that band down the broad road to destruction and perdition.

This is what this Government is about “gran’ charge”, camouflage, smoke and mirrors, guns and circuses; this is what this Government is about, and serious issues like the Green Fund and like the National Physical Development Plan; serious issues for the protection of our environment are not dealt with.

They talked about protection of the environment, you know what they did? They established CEPEP. Please, Mr. Vice-President, every morning I am coming down the highway, people are cutting grass, the next week it grows back, they are cutting grass. There are serious environmental problems to be dealt with in this country. Nothing is wrong with establishing companies or agencies to deal with environmental problems, but train them properly and send them into the hills; send them into the forests, send them to protect our rivers and send them to protect our seas; attach them to the different agencies that are doing the jobs; the NGOs that are doing the jobs and get serious about the environment and forget the mamaguy, forget the giveaway and forget the set of multi-million-dollar contracts for PNM supporters and PNM party hacks.

This is not the road to developed country status. Everything is a mamaguy, everything is a giveaway and everything is a freeness for the people who support the PNM, and the environment is going to hell in a hand basket; that is what is happening in this country. We have so many environmental problems: pollution of rivers, pollution of seas, degradation, illegal logging, all kinds of—you name it, we have it in Trinidad and Tobago. And we are spending millions of dollars to cut grass at the side of the road and on top of that you are pounding the desk and being proud of yourself. This Government is a total waste of time. They are wasting our money, they are squandering our patrimony and the serious problems we have, when a serious government comes in place to deal with it the money would have finished. Our children would have to suffer that legacy.

Mr. Vice-President, I tremble every morning that I get up and I look at the state of this country and I know this is the legacy that I am leaving for my children, my grandchildren and my great grandchildren, because they will be here, they are not going anywhere. They will be here! And they are me and I am them, and we are not there yet but I feel for them, because it is going to be rough, it is

going to be hard and it is going to be—I do not know what is going to happen to future generations. It is not a lose/lose situation; you can have your development, you can acquire your lands and you can have your development, Mr. Vice-President, but you have to be serious about development; you have to be serious about sustainability; you have to be serious about caring for your people and not use it as a slogan to fool people about being a caring government, and you do not care anything about them because you are destroying their future.

In other advanced and more developed countries you have the question of these companies that are involved in development and oil extraction and the development of oil and gas and so on. They are being forced and they are being made to do remedial work. Extraction and transport of our natural resources must be controlled and managed. Not because you have to build a cross country pipeline you have to mash up everything within sight. Where are our scientists? Where are our biologists and so on? Are they on board with this project? Have they understood what ecosystems we are dealing with? What are the vulnerable aspects of the ecosystems? How are we going to deal with it before, during and after? Is anybody on board with this project? Or is it just a case of passing a tractor willy-nilly through hundreds of acres of lands and what happens, happens; who dead, dead; who survive, survive and you do not care what the ecosystem is going to look like; if it is irreparably damaged; what effect it will have on the socioeconomic, and what consequences it will have in the future. I do not see anybody on board and even if they are on board, as we see and we have seen this Government does what it wants in any case. They do not care about anybody.

When I look at what is happening here, when I look at the seriousness with which Cuba for example, takes its environment and cares for its environment, I believe that this Government should take a page out of the book of a relatively small underdeveloped Caribbean country. Cuba is not considered a First World country, but it is a country that is serious about protection of the environment. Although Cuba has been blockaded for over 45 years—financially, economically and socially—and the blockade continues to be intensified and to strangle the Cuban economy; they are serious about providing a sustainable heritage for their children and their great grandchildren. It is not just the lip service and the old talk that we are experiencing here. When I talk about where are our specialists, biologists, zoologists and so on, on this project; what input do they have? What is their role in protecting the species that are affected by these massive developmental projects and so on?

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This is how Cuba approaches these issues. I have here the *Granma International* of August 14, 2005. This article was in relation to the havoc wrought in that country by Hurricane Dennis and the headline is “A destructive blow to Nature”, and when they assessed their damages, they do not just assess the dollar value of this, but hear how they assessed it and I quote:

“The figures on damages do not reflect the loss of plants and animals in locations of high natural and historical value. Thousand of hectares of forestland will not recover their physiognomy for another 25 years. An unknown number of birds lost their habitat.”

They are mourning the loss of their habitat, their ecosystem and they are analyzing it and they are doing something about it. Mr. Vice-President, hear how they react to these natural disasters—that is a natural disaster that they could not help. [*Interruption*] So of course they would not tolerate man-made disasters that you can help and I quote here:

“With the urgency required by the situation, a brigade of specialists from Pinar del Rio traveled to Granma province and are currently working in the park, while teams of local biologists and forestry experts are making the appropriate assessments in other areas.”

Mr. Vice-President, this is how they deal with a natural disaster. Could you imagine how they would deal with development projects that they can plan for; that they can prevent and minimize any dislocations and so on? Could you imagine how they would plan to conserve their fauna, their flora, their birds and their iguanas and so on? We do not plan for anything, we just go in there and bulldoze. Tractors coming from three sides in Union Estate, howler monkeys on the ground, everything on the ground, everything mash up. We make a soup in our environment under this nefarious PNM administration.

I want to quote from another *Granma International* here—[*Interruption*]

**Mr. Vice-President:** Hon. Senators, the speaking time of the hon. Senator has expired.

*Motion made.* That the hon. Senator's speaking time be extended by 15 minutes. [*Sen. W. Mark*]

*Question put and agreed to.*

**3.15 p.m.**

**Sen. Dr. J. Kernahan:** Mr. Vice-President, I think this is the main lesson that needs to be learned by this Government and the headline of this article states:



“The importance of teaching environmental protection in Cuba”. We do not teach environmental protection here to our children in any serious way and we do not teach by example either, because when our people look at what this Government is able to walk in and do to our environment and to our ecosystem, we tremble to give them any lands; to approve any acquisition of lands; to approve any disbursement of monies because they are costing this country billions of dollars.

Mr. Vice-President, this Patrick Manning administration, this incarnation of the PNM is simply too expensive for this country. We cannot afford this administration; they are bankrupting this country. We cannot afford them. They are mashing up this country at every level; at the human resource level; at the level of the environment; and the level of the finance, at every possible level you could think about, they are destroying this country. We cannot afford them. We have to get rid of them, Mr. Vice-President.

Mr. Vice-President, in this article that we have seen, the damage that Cuba suffered by Hurricane Dennis. This is what they have said about this particular issue. They have said that the Caribbean has suffered hurricanes for billions of years, that so many island ecosystems like ours are accustomed to them and they also teach us many things. First, that they possess a natural capacity to recover after disaster, if they are not over-affected by human beings. Mr. Vice-President, this is the crunch. But if human beings change those ecosystems, chop down trees, burn them periodically and engage in other depredatory tasks, it is possible for them to be affected irreversibly or to delay much longer in recovering.

Mr. Vice-President, this is the issue. We have natural disasters and so on, but natural disasters as this Cuban scientist has said in this article, the ecosystem can recover from these gradually over a period of time and so on. But, it is the man-made destruction that makes it very difficult for our environment to recover very quickly or very easily. That is why, it is a crime against the environment that should be punished when a government goes into a forested area, in a period where we are rapidly losing important forest and cuts down 700 acres of forest lands. That is a crime, Mr. Vice-President, that should be punished and penalized. I may not see it, but I believe that my future generation would see the high price that we have to pay for that.

Mr. Vice-President, as far I am concerned, we are not here to approve this acquisition of lands by the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources for these development projects, because we are certain, given the track record of the PNM Government, that these lands would not be treated in the manner in which they need to be treated for sustainability and for the development of a

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better quality of life for our citizens, as promised by the Minister. Mr. Vice-President, we believe that this is a false promise, it is a hoax. Sustainable development would not happen under this Government with the policies that they carry out with respect to how they treat land, and the development of land.

They develop by “vaps”. They concentrate on giving and making sure that lands are available to the friends and supporters of the PNM. A lot of money is going to be spent to acquire lands. The lands are going to be chopped up, they are going to be degraded, they are going to be destroyed and no plans for remedial work for any kind of sustainability of those areas are going to be implemented, because we see how they treat the Environmental Authority. The Tarouba issue is clear that this Government has absolutely no respect for the Environmental Management Authority; it has no respect for the scientist; it has no respect for the University of the West Indies and it has no respect for anybody that would not contribute to its stay in office.

This is our problem, Mr. Vice-President. How do you punish and how do you deal with a Government that has absolutely no respect for law and for the authority? My poor Minister of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources seems so happy that he is setting up all these authorities, and any Monday morning that the head honcho of the party feels that he wants to bulldoze another 700 acres, he would run in and bulldoze another 700 acres without asking the leave of the hon. Minister of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources. So I personally and our party cannot support this Motion before us this afternoon. Thank you.

**Sen. Wade Mark:** Thank you very much, Mr. Vice-President, let me once again—someone wanted to speak? No, I was called upon by the hon. Vice-President. I take directions from him in this Senate. Mr. Vice-President, may I once again welcome the hon. Minister of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources to this honourable Chamber.

Mr. Vice-President, this Motion appears, on the surface, to be a relatively simple Motion. None of us in this honourable Senate could be opposed to national development in our nation; none of us could be in opposition to the acquisition of private lands for purposes of economic and social development. Where we would in fact differ, fundamentally, is the quality; it has to deal with the quality of development that is being pursued when these lands are acquired, whether we are going to generate sustainable development or whether we are going down the path of an industrialization programme, without a human face.

Mr. Vice-President, I would like to focus in my contribution on the cross-island pipeline and the acquisition of hundreds of parcels of lands that obviously

stood in its path. It appears to me, that one of the areas that the Minister did not share with us—and I hope that he will at the end of his presentation this afternoon—is the impact that these developments or the acquisition of land for the laying of natural gas pipelines to help develop what he has described and what is in the Motion, our natural gas industry in Trinidad and Tobago. We did not get from the hon. Minister a sense of what the impact would be on the environment; what impact this particular laying of the cross-country pipeline or cross-island pipeline would have on people; what impact it would have on communities.

Another area I would like the hon. Minister to address is the area of compliance, enforcement and monitoring. Mr. Vice-President, the hon. Minister would be aware and I am going to just engage you for a while. I look at the *Public Sector Investment Programme* which the hon. Minister referred to and I quote from page 95 of this document which states:

“The National Gas Company has been mandated to develop, finance, construct, own, operate and maintain a 76.5 kilometres long, 56-inch diameter onshore pipeline across the south of Trinidad,...”

This is what we are talking about, as it relates to the laying of pipelines throughout the south of the country. It would span:

“from Beachfield, Guayaguayare, on the eastern coast to the Atlantic LNG facilities at Point Fortin, on the western coast. The pipeline will have interconnections with NGC’s existing pipeline network and include a spur line to the Union Estate in La Brea.”

Mr. Vice-President, this note continues:

“The Cross Island Pipeline (CIP) will have a transmission capacity of 2.4 billion cubic feet per day and is intended to transport gas to the Atlantic LNG Train 4 expansion, future LNG expansions and new gas based industries to be developed at the Union Industrial Estate.”

Mr. Vice-President, this particular document goes on to say:

“The CIP project began in 2003, physical construction activity commenced in January 2004. When completed ...”

And we get the impression from the hon. Minister that it has been more or less completed.

“the CIP will be the first 56-inch gas transmission pipeline in the Western Hemisphere. The CIP is budgeted to cost the National Gas Company and the taxpayers of this Republic \$1.6 billion ...”

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That is what the natural gas pipeline would cost the taxpayers and it continues:

“This will be funded by NGC's equity contribution of \$328.5 million together with loan financing of \$1,314.3 million. Expenditure for 2005 was 1,017.7 million. This project must be completed in time to provide gas to Atlantic LNG Train 4.”

Mr. Vice-President, this is the genesis of the Motion that is currently before this honourable Senate. It is the National Gas Company proceeding to own, to construct, to finance, to maintain this 76.5 kilometres of natural gas pipeline, running from Beachfield, Guayaguayare in the east, to Atlantic LNG outlet in the west, in terms of Point Fortin.

Mr. Vice-President, if this is the first 56-inch diameter natural gas pipeline being built and owned by the people of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, I think that the hon. Minister owes us some more explanations on the kind of steps that are being taken by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago to ensure all the necessary safety, maintenance, compliance and enforcement measures are taken to ensure that this particular natural gas pipeline is not subject to any untoward development in our Republic. We are living in dangerous times and this pipeline is very vulnerable and therefore the question of safety and security is very critical in this particular matter.

Mr. Vice-President, I would like the hon. Minister to share with us what steps are being taken. Which agency as an example would be responsible for ensuring compliance after this pipeline is set in motion? Which agency? Is it going to be the Factory Inspectorate that has four officers? It is going to be the Environmental Management Authority (EMA) which is starved of resources and technical personnel? They do not have scientific and technical equipment to monitor the environment. Is it going to be EMA? Is it going to be the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries? If it is going to be the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries, does that particular Ministry possess the necessary resources in terms of capability, to ensure enforcement and compliance?

We have gotten no information this afternoon so far, from the hon. Minister who is seeking to get support for this particular Motion in which some 500 families are going to be dislocated. I should put it another way, Mr. Vice-President, over 500 citizens and organizations. I think it is the largest dislocation of humanity that I have been able to witness for the last period. It cannot be that people are not living in the areas under reference.

People are living in Fyzabad, people are living in Barrackpore, people are living in Moruga and people are living in Naparima. They are living in Claxton Bay and Pointe-a-Pierre. They are real people, Sen. Dr. Saith, so they are living and they do have property that the Government is coming today, to seek parliamentary approval for the acquisition of their private properties. That is why the National Gas Company has deposited into the Consolidated Fund approximately \$21 million as was told to us by the hon. Minister. To do what, Mr. Vice-President? It is to pay people whose properties are going to be acquired by the State.

I would like to ask the hon. Minister as well, what is the role of the Ministry of Planning and Development in this whole exercise? Why is the Ministry of Planning and Development not involved in this whole particular exercise of cross island pipeline? Mr. Vice-President, my colleague made mention of the fact, that to date, in spite of what we were told by the hon. Minister in the Ministry of Finance sometime ago, Sen. Christine Sahadeo, that very shortly, a national physical development plan would be laid in this Parliament, when we were dealing with the Caroni debate, only to have what she told us contradicted in the Public Sector Investment Programme, that they are now going out for consultancies to develop a national physical development plan for Trinidad and Tobago. That is what I saw in the Public Sector Investment Programme when we were given the impression—maybe I am wrong, Mr. Vice-President, maybe I got the wrong impression when the Minister spoke, but I honestly thought that we were about in 2006 to receive at this level a national physical development plan, which would take into account among other things, land use, land rationalization and the proper utilization of our land resources in this country.

Mr. Vice-President, we know for a fact that there is competition for land; agriculture is competing for land, industry is competing for land, housing is competing for land and tourism is competing for land. So you have to establish a proper land use policy and this should be housed within the framework of a national physical development plan. I ask the question, what is the role of the Ministry of Planning and Development in this whole project?

Mr. Vice-President, it seems to me, upon an analysis of the information before me that the Ministry of Planning and Development is just there in name. They are not playing this proactive role in national development. So I find it strange that an important project like—Mr. Vice-President would you believe, I want to repeat for your ears that this is the largest natural gas pipeline being established in the entire Western Hemisphere. It means to say, Mr. Vice-President, that we must take particularly careful measures to ensure safety and I do not know if I can get

any guarantee from the hon. Minister of Labour, Small and Micro Enterprise Development when it comes to safety. I have no confidence in the hon. Minister.

Mr. Vice-President, over 20 workers already have been murdered at the corporate level in this country under the watch of the PNM for 2005. It is the highest number of workers ever slaughtered in this country under any administration, 20 workers. How many more must die? Mr. Vice-President, you know why I raise this question? I raise this question in the context of a rupture or a gas leakage on this particular 56-inch diameter natural gas pipeline. What will happen if, God forbids, that there is a rupture or there is a leakage? What measures? What proactive steps are being taken to ensure that that does not occur and if it is to occur, it would be monitored so quickly, given the modern technology that ought to be at work, that we would be able to pick up that very, very fast?

Mr. Vice-President, I do not know. We have not been given any explanations from the hon. Minister, because we know that when you are coming to deal with natural gas, it could blow up and the disaster that can arise from that, would be almost indescribable. Therefore, we have a duty as a Senate to ensure that if we are going to approve a measure, we get all the necessary assurances and guarantees from the Minister that all steps have been taken as far as he is concerned, to ensure that there is proper compliance, proper administration, proper monitoring, proper controls and proper enforcement measures. We need to get that kind of assurance from the hon. Minister.

Bechtel was the main contractor contracted by the National Gas Company and Bechtel sub-contracted an organization called the API. I understand the employment practices were horrible. The safety standards were below certain standards. Mr. Vice-President, if that happened during the laying of the natural gas pipeline from Beachfield in Guayaguayare to Point Fortin, what mechanisms are we putting in place or have we put in place to ensure that that natural gas pipeline is up to international standards.? What measures have we put in place?

Mr. Vice-President, I want to pose another question and maybe Sen. Dr. Saith or someone else can probably help me. Why did the Government not look at the possibility of establishing an industrial estate in Guayaguayare? In other words, what I am saying is that we have destroyed in the process many sensitive species, and we have impacted negatively on the environment by running this cross-island pipeline from Beachfield in Guayaguayare to Point Fortin.

**3.45 p.m.**

Mr. Vice-President, you would not believe the amount of natural habitat that would have had to be cleared in order to lay this 56-inch diameter natural gas pipeline and, therefore, it is against that background I raise the issue about the Government's thinking as it relates to the establishment of an industrial estate in Guayaguayare.

If we had established an industrial estate at that point on the east coast, we may not have had to destroy communities, we may not have had to destroy people's lives in relation to where they are accustomed living and at the same time, we probably would not have impacted negatively on the environment of our country. That is why I raise the issue whether the hon. Minister could share with this Parliament if the Government is thinking in terms of establishing an industrial estate in Guayaguayare, so that in future we do not have to transport natural gas out of the eastern seaboard straight into Point Fortin. That is an area I would like the hon. Minister to look at and share with us the Government's thinking on this matter.

**Sen. Dr. Saith:** Mr. Vice-President, perhaps the hon. Senator could tell us why his government sited the LNG project at Point Fortin, because this is merely an extension of that.

**Sen. W. Mark:** Mr. Vice-President, I would not respond to that at this point in time. I will simply continue my contribution and not allow anyone to interrupt or derail me from my thrust.

Mr. Vice-President, I would also like to raise the question of the role of the Environmental Management Authority (EMA). Is the EMA dead? Has the PNM killed the EMA? [*Desk thumping*] What is the role of Mr. Macintosh the CEO? Is he a caddy boy or messenger? What is his role, Mr. Vice-President?

I find it shocking that a stranger called Calder Hart who is in charge of tens of billions of our dollars could simply tell the EMA in an insulting manner that he has been given instruction by the PNM to build some sport stadium at Tarouba and he has the power to do what he wants to do even though the Environmental Management Authority served this man and his organization with a notice of violation of the EMA Act.

So how can you talk about crime, hon. Minister of National Security tomorrow in the other place whilst we have a motion here? He insults us! We have a motion here to deal with crime, and he goes to the other place—I want to get back to the issue. How can the Minister of National Security talk about crime

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when the Government of Trinidad and Tobago is promoting lawlessness in the country? [*Desk thumping*]

Mr. Calder Hart should be called in and given the first available flight back to Canada. How can this man insult our integrity and laws in the way he has done? He can only do that with the full support of the Prime Minister and the PNM Cabinet of this country. Calder Hart has violated the laws of this land and that is why I ask the question: What is the role of the EMA? Is it like the former Commissioner of Police, a toothless bulldog? What is its role? It seems to me that the EMA has now become the plaything of the ruling party. Whatever it wants to do it does. It does not care about the environment. Look what it did to Union Estate! Look what it did to Chatham in south, all under the aegis of the Environmental Management Authority of this country.

I think the whole environmental management board should resign. I think Mr. Macintosh should go. Why hold on to a job and one cannot effect one's power? Why allow a stranger called Calder Hart to do what he wants in this country? How can we promote law and order when the Government is promoting law and disorder? This is why I have doubts about this whole exercise. Who is going to ensure compliance? Who is going to ensure enforcement? Who is going to monitor and maintain standards? Who is going to guarantee the safety of our citizens who live near the pipeline?

This pipeline will be passing through Phillipine and Palmiste and all those places are communities with living people not dead people, people who are real. So what would happen to them if you do not have the kind of systems and standards of monitoring and control? I do not know if the PNM has a plot to blow up the hon. Leader of the Opposition's home because I understand the gas pipeline is passing close to Phillipine and Palmiste. I do not know, Mr. Vice-President, I just ask.

Mr. Vice-President, I want to refer to an article in the *Sunday Guardian*, dated October 30, 2005 on page 12. The headline reads:

“UDEcott ignores EMA call to stop Tarouba foundation” [*Crosstalk*]

Mr. Vice-President, I am being interrupted, can I seek your protection? We leave internal party politics for internal. May I continue?

Mr. Vice-President, it says:

“The Urban Development Company of T&T (UDEcott) is ploughing ahead with groundwork to lay the foundation for the ambitious \$850 million



Tarouba Stadium project on the outskirts of San Fernando, despite the continuing objections of the Environmental Management Authority (EMA).”

This was dated October 30 and I understand since then, Calder Hart called in the chap, they cooked up their business even though they got notice of violation and continued bulldozing his way; they fix up, they cook up, and they have now been issued with an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and a certificate of environmental clearance. They forced Macintosh to issue an EIA and a certificate of environmental clearance. I understand they have now been able to ferret that out.

They forced Macintosh to issue an EIA and a certificate of environmental clearance in order for the tsunami stadium to be built and you want to tell me that you care about the environment? So when you talk about social and economic environment and improving the quality of life of the people, where is the evidence to support that particular argument?

Mr. Vice-President, I would like the hon. Minister to also tell us the number of outstanding claims and payments and the value as of today's date of the sum owed to landowners including my good friend, the hon. Knowlson Gift who is owed about \$12—\$15 million by the State. Even though the property prices were inflated, but I understand it is about that amount.

We want to know what the quantum is in value terms of moneys that are owing to landowners whose properties were acquired under the Land Acquisition Act of 1994 and its predecessor. I would like the hon. Minister to share with us the number of persons, the value involved and what steps have been taken to ensure that the sum is cleared up. [*Interruption*] No, we are talking about up to the present time, 2005.

Mr. Vice-President, I also want to ask the hon. Minister to look at his own division because if the Lands and Surveys Division is to play its role the way it ought to, I think from my information—and maybe the hon. Minister can correct me if I am wrong—apart from poor working conditions, there are inadequate tools and equipment, and the technology that is required in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century to propel this society and this public service which is under the watch of my dear friend, Sen. The Hon. Dr. Saith, that modern technology is lacking and absent largely in that particular division. So I would like the hon. Minister to indicate to us what steps had been taken by his ministry to bring this particular agency up to a certain level, particularly when dealing with online transactions.

Remember we had a vision for the public service which was to make it a paperless environment in which electronic Government or e-government would have been the order of the day. I do not know if I would have to help Sen. Dr. Saith out of office very shortly in order to resume where I left off. So we need to know what is taking place from the hon. Minister as to the question of coordination of this whole exercise and I would imagine that he would be in a position to let us know what is taking place in that regard.

I would like to emphasize that we are dealing with high-pressured gas, large volumes involved and we are also dealing with sensitive areas of the country. The whole southern region of our country faces danger and whilst we have been lucky to date not to have any major explosions in terms of our pipelines, I hope to God that it never happens and I would hope that the Government does not live in the hope that it will not happen, but will take all appropriate measures and steps to ensure that if such a rupturing of lands were to take place, or some major leakage, it would have in place appropriate standards and measures to avoid such. It would establish what I call—and I want to put to the hon. Minister of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources, and to the hon. Leader of Government Business, the need for us to establish an independent, regulatory agency, to monitor, control, enforce and ensure compliance as it relates to this natural gas pipeline and other development projects that the Government would obviously be involved with in the energy sector.

I do not believe that the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries is adequate for that task. They do not have the resources, the personnel, the equipment or the technical wherewithal to deal with that. And, therefore, we need an independent, regulatory agency or organization to monitor and ensure the safety of our people.

My main concern this afternoon is the safety of the citizens of this country. Unlike the hon. Minister of Labour, Small and Micro Enterprise Development who is telling businessmen to get ready—as if he is in a race—OSHA is coming, we are saying that we do not have to get ready; the Government must do its work. I understand from a reliable source that the hon. Minister of Labour, Small and Micro Enterprise Development is alone in his ministry in finding flaws in the legislation, and the officers are saying it is excellent legislation and I do not know what is the reason for the hon. Minister finding flaws and all of a sudden becoming the big spokesman for business.

When he was elected, selected, appointed or nominated to this Government of the PNM, it was the people who appointed him through the PNM and, therefore, his allegiance is to the people, not big business. I get the impression that this Cabinet

of Trinidad and Tobago with the exception of a few persons including—Sen. Yuille-Williams is the exception—It seems that this Cabinet of the PNM led by the hon. Prime Minister is under the complete control of businesses. Why is this?

Mr. Vice-President, you were here, the hon. Minister of Labour, Small and Micro Enterprise Development was here. He debated, he voted, we all supported and now it is law assented to by the President. The Minister all of a sudden finds flaws in the law and he is saying to get ready, the law is coming. Do you know what law is coming, Mr. Vice-President, a new one. Not what we passed you know. He wants to amend that one.

I can give the workers of Trinidad and Tobago the assurance that a United National Congress government will enforce OSHA as it is, and later on, sit with the various stakeholders and if there is need for amendments to the law, we will then adjust it. But for now, effect, promulgate, proclaim the law that was passed by this Parliament and assented to by the President of this country. [*Desk thumping*] “So hon. Minister, if yuh want a wuk, effect the law.”

Mr. Vice-President, I want to mention that the Government must also ensure that emergency measures are put in place. Would you believe that if there is tragedy and catastrophe in this country, that there is a major leakage or rupture and there is some explosion—and God help us that it never happens. There were two workers burnt beyond recognition at the National Flour Mills, they had to be flown out of this country, a country of \$34 billion in a budget, a country where the gross domestic product is close to over \$70 billion, a per capita income of close to US \$10,000—\$11,000 per man and woman and we do not have a burns unit here. When the hon. Minister of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources talks about economic and social development and about improving the quality of life of our people, how can you improve the quality of life of our people when there is an explosion at the National Flour Mills and we do not have the facilities here to take care of our own? When are we going to learn? Instead of investing \$850 million in Tarouba, why the Government could not take half of that and build a modern burns unit in this country to help the people and the workers? [*Desk thumping*] You think workers and families who have lost their loved ones will take what the Minister of Labour, Small and Micro Enterprise Development says, that he takes responsibility on behalf of the Government? So he takes responsibility for corporate murder and manslaughter but what is that going to do? Is it going to bring back the lives of these people? No. The Government must take preventative measures and that is what I am saying in terms of the natural gas pipeline.

You have to begin thinking, Minister of Agriculture, Land and Marine Affairs. What are your colleagues doing to ensure that when you bring such a motion there is coordination and harmony and you can tell this honourable Senate that we, the PNM Government in the Cabinet of this country are going to ensure that a burns unit is constructed in this country so that we can now take care of our own in the event of an emergency. This is 2005 and we are—

**Mr. Vice-President:** Hon. Senators, the speaking time of the hon. Senator has expired.

*Motion made,* That the hon. Senator's speaking time be extended by 15 minutes. [*Sen. S. Baksh*]

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Sen. W. Mark:** Mr. Vice-President, I am making a plea to the hon. Minister of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources to get his Government to recognize that it must fix Trinidad and Tobago first. We need a burns unit, we cannot beg for that anymore. We need the OSH Act to be proclaimed, that is what we need. We do not need excuses from the Minister of Labour, Small and Micro Enterprise Development and the Government of this country. People are dying every day.

Last year, there were 240 industrial accidents in this country, there were about 10 fatalities. This year, to date, my information and the Minister of Labour, Small and Micro Enterprise Development can correct me if I am wrong, I understand it is close to 20 young persons 17 and 18-year-olds who have perished because of criminal negligence by employers and this Government is supporting it. How can this Government continue to support that by failing to proclaim the Occupational Safety and Health Act?

If it is one basis on which workers should vote out the PNM in the next general election, it is on the basis of its failure to proclaim the Occupational Safety and Health Act. [*Desk thumping*] We will campaign against you all and we will campaign for the promulgation of the Occupational Safety and Health Act.

We told the workers that when we met them. We told them the PNM will trap them. We told them we will move no amendments because we have plenty to move, but we will take it as the former Minister of Labour, Small and Micro Enterprise Development, Mr. Achong brought it. We have one spokesman on this side, myself, one on that side, Mr. Achong and I think we had one or two persons on the Independent side and in no time, that bill was passed. We told the workers that the PNM is mamaguying them, it is fooling them. PNM only promises. It is full of promises and no delivery.

Mr. Vice-President, I want to call on the hon. Minister to ensure that in the future when we are expending \$1.6 billion to build a natural gas pipeline across this island, that we take measures to ensure that the workers who are located near those pipelines that are being laid are trained and ready to take up those jobs.

Too many people in communities where jobs are being opened and where work is being done and where construction is taking place cannot get jobs. Do you know why? They are not trained and what the Government is doing—and I want Sen. Dr. Saith and the Elections and Boundaries Commission to listen to this very carefully.

Mr. Vice-President, we hear that there is a shortage of skilled personnel in this country so the Government has to import and I have noticed something and I want the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of National Security to pay attention to this. A number of Nigerians have been brought into this country by security firms and they are being used by the PNM to boost their chances at the next general election.

I see them all over the place at IOB and the main culprit behind that is Amalgamated Security Company and they are coming through Amalgamated and a number of private security companies. These people are given residential status and the Government is aware that they are bringing in Nigerians here illegally and I want the Minister of Foreign Affairs to investigate this matter. It has been brought to our attention that hundreds of Nigerians are in the country illegally, and they have been brought here under the auspices of private security firms with whom they are working. This is all part of the voter padding and house padding campaign of the PNM.

We are telling the Elections and Boundaries Commission that we intend to meet with them and on our registration drive, we will see who is “Trini” and who is “Nigee” and bring it to the attention of the relevant authority. I thought I should bring this to your attention and the Senators attention.

Mr. Vice-President, the final point I would like to raise is the question of decommissioning. We do not just plan for a project as huge as the cross-island pipeline. There will come a time when natural gas will run out at the rate of consumption today. It will run out and we have to put in place plans for the decommissioning of these challenges that will obviously arise when our natural gas eventually runs out.

I would ask the hon. Minister to take note of the fact that in spite of these cross-island pipelines, he must share with us in this Parliament how are the

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ordinary citizens benefiting from this particular exercise. As of today's date, 320-odd persons have been murdered in this country. So there is no security, and there is no proper infrastructure.

Mr. Vice-President, you live in Tobago, I live in Trinidad and it is a headache to leave Port of Spain to get to Santa Rosa. One has to leave home at 5.00 a.m. to reach to work for 6.30 a.m. and when one leaves work at 4.30 p.m., one does not reach home until 7.45 p.m. That is the kind of frustration I am talking about. So how are people going to benefit from this natural gas pipeline?

Another matter; do not get sick unless you want to die. The hon. Minister of Health spends millions of dollars interviewing and having poor people who have gone for surgery advertising on television. I feel so sorry, it could be my grandmother. They are forcing these old people to say: "Rahael, you are doing a good job." And people still do not have proper health facilities in the country. Who are you fooling?

**4.15 p.m.**

Do not talk about the education system. I know that the hon. Minister is trying, but I must admit that she is a nice lady and she is trying. I want to tell you, "the job kinda big for she". I am dealing with economic and social development.

As I said in my earlier remarks, we cannot oppose and object to deal with the issue of land acquisition. That is something we have to deal with. We have to develop our country and we will need to acquire land from time to time. We want to ensure that when the land is acquired it is used within the framework of a national physical development plan. It must not be used as Sen. Dr. Kernahan said, in vaps or a helter-skelter way or *vaille que vaille*. You have to plan and utilize your land resources in a rational, positive way and not in an irrational and indiscriminate manner. I want the hon. Minister to pay attention to this.

Where is the Minister in the Ministry of Finance? He has left. I understand that while the hon. Minister of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources is acquiring land and is coming for approval, the hon. Minister in the Ministry of Finance is acquiring personnel. He is bringing an outsider called Fitzroy John to replace the Comptroller of Customs. That is what I understand; I am just asking. I would like the hon. Minister to recognize that we have some difficulties and challenges.

We would like to support and help. National development is everybody's business. Sustainable national development ought to become a national concern.

You must balance the environment with the economic objective of our nation. There must be balanced and sustained economic and social development in our nation. You will get full support from us on the sustainable economic and social development platform.

We will not support this foreigner called Mr. Calder Hart who is indiscriminately destroying our environment and almost in a lawless fashion ignoring the cry of the Environmental Management Authority (EMA). We cannot support the Government of Trinidad and Tobago which has Mr. Calder Hart in charge of the Urban Development Company of Trinidad and Tobago (UDeCott).

I hope that the hon. Minister will respond to the concerns that we have expressed in our contributions. I would like the hon. Minister to pay attention to the fact that the pipeline runs through a sanctuary called Trinity Wildlife. There are many species located within that area. We have to protect our environment, natural habitats and species of birds. I will like the hon. Minister to pay attention to this matter because enormous species of biodiversity exist in this particular sanctuary. We have to engage in commercial activity but at the same time we must balance it with the ecology and environment of our nation.

We wanted to intervene in this matter to provide you and this honourable Parliament with some of our concerns as the alternative government. I will give you the assurance today, that if the PNM continues along the path that it is going, that whenever the hon. Patrick Manning rings the bell for a general election in this country, we will just exchange places. You would be here and we would be there in the future. That is what I leave with them. A word to the wise is enough.

Thank you.

**Sen. Sadiq Baksh:** Mr. Vice-President, I join the debate on the Motion for the acquisition of a number of properties throughout Trinidad and Tobago, especially in terms of the drainage improvement works in the Caparo region.

I note with great interest that the hon. Minister of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources was able to expedite the acquisition of these properties that were acquired during the period 2000—2004. That is a great improvement in terms of acquisition generally, which over the years has been known to take over 40 years in a number of cases. I also note that the works in the Caparo region is only on improvement to the Caparo River.

I would have expected with the same efficiency that the hon. Minister of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources would have brought the acquisitions necessary for the construction of the Caparo dam for which the designs have been

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completed and was earmarked for construction to begin last year. We know that it did not start but we expect it to start this year. A prerequisite for the construction of the Caparo dam is the acquisition of properties in that region. With the same efficiency that the hon. Minister brought this acquisition, I recommend that he bring shortly to the Senate the acquisition for properties in the Caparo region.

In terms of the La Seiva River in Maraval, another expeditious piece of work in terms of getting it to Parliament in 2000, and even more expeditious in terms of the acquisition for the laying of the natural gas pipeline for the development of the natural gas infrastructure. He noted that the funds are available for this particular acquisition. I am sure that in the winding up of the hon. Minister, he will indicate if the other acquisitions were not completed because of the unavailability of finance to pay the people from whom the lands were acquired. In this case, the sum of \$21 million is a substantial departure from the past where on an annual basis no more than the sum of \$15 million was ever allocated for the special purpose of acquisition.

I also know that it is not the responsibility of the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources how the land that was acquired was prepared for the laying of the pipeline or reinstated. I make a plea to the Government to ensure that the roadways where these lands were acquired are reinstated to how they used to be, before the commencement of the acquisition and laying of that pipeline.

I have had the good fortune—I am not sure if it is a good fortune—in terms of driving through many of those areas in Barrackpore including the cross on the SS Erin Road. During the construction period you have a hump and two weeks after a sink. It was not reinstated properly. All the roads in areas such as Woodland, Timal, Murray Trace, Salt Mine Trace and Penal, there is destruction. They are generally under the care of the Ministry of Local Government and this ministry would have the responsibility of reinstating those roads at the end of the laying of these pipelines. When I looked through the allocation for the Ministry of Local Government for the 14 regional corporations in Trinidad, it is not enough to reinstate those roads in areas that were damaged by the laying of these pipelines.

We on this side support the expeditious acquisition of land for public purpose, but we also request that the Government acquire land and pay special attention not only to the environment as my colleague said, but also to the people who live in those communities. Let me remind this administration that as far back as 1978, the Cabinet took a decision to build a highway along the route of the pipeline from Beachfield to Picton, piloted by the then Minister of Petroleum and Mines. In terms of the continued security of that line, it would be enhanced if we build a



road around that. The Government could consider expanding to Point Fortin and then possibly a parallel road to Point Lisas.

I am certain that in that way we would ensure sustainable economic development from the utilization of our natural resources. The infrastructure will not be there only for the use of transportation of natural gas, but also to increase mobility; reduce the cost of transportation; improve efficiency and to assist us in attaining the goal of a developed nation in the shortest possible time.

Thank you.

**Mr. Vice-President:** Hon. Senators, we will take the tea break now and return at 5.00 p.m.

**4.29 p.m.:** *Sitting suspended.*

**5.00 p.m.:** *Sitting resumed.*

**The Minister of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources (Hon. Jarrette Narine):** Mr. Vice-President, I will attempt to reply to the relevant matters that were raised on the Motion, Land Acquisition and try to satisfy some of my colleagues on the other side on some of the questions that arose.

All three Senators on the Opposition side spoke about the environmental issues with the laying of the natural gas pipeline from Beachfield to Point Fortin and going north to Point Lisas. I indicated in my presentation that all the various agencies had given approval for the pipeline to be laid from Beachfield to Point Fortin in consideration with all the environmental matters. There were other considerations which I will come to during my winding up about why the gas line was sent from Beachfield to Point Fortin and included the harbour areas on the sheltered coastline, the Gulf of Paria.

When the surveys were done we were able to pass the pipeline on non-sensitive areas. Even in the Oropouche Lagoon the pipeline was sent underground with a drilling process so that the top was not open. It went under the Oropouche River. Sen. Baksh knows where that line passed.

Sen. Dr. Jennifer Kernahan spoke about the degradation of the ecosystem. It is not easy for the Opposition Bench to hear that after Train 4 has started the Government would be the fifth largest exporter or producer of natural gas in the world, first class status that we are speaking about. As a matter of fact, if we are going to be a first class country with Vision 2020—certainly, Sen. Mark, we are already first with methanol and other areas as urea and we are going to be fifth. The environmental issues were taken into consideration and we had all the

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approvals. I am quite comfortable with the economic and sustainable growth because it was a wasting asset. We will understand why we had all these flares on the east coast. They had to burn out the gas.

You will recall that before we got into office we had started the natural gas at Point Fortin. When your government was in place they continued. We have aggressively approached it and this is why we have sustainable growth in the economy. We hope that whosoever is in government would be for the people of Trinidad and Tobago and would utilize those resources in a proper manner.

When we took office in 2002, the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources got \$2 million for infrastructural development and \$1 million for water management. In the last budget between the Public Sector Investment Programme (PSIP) and recurrent, we had \$38.75 million for agricultural access roads and another \$10 million for water management to help the agricultural sector. As fast as we have been spending the money, in the last fiscal year we got \$21 million for agricultural access roads. I am confident that part of the money is being spent in agriculture to develop the agricultural sector, in particular the infrastructural development.

As a matter of fact, your colleague in the other place was most embarrassed when Mac Nair got 40 ponds this year and last year we did 7 kilometres of road in Caroni East near Mon Jaloux. I cannot tell you what I said in the Lower House that caused the embarrassment because he has been the Member of Parliament for that area for the longest while.

As far as the Mamoral Dam is concerned, those lands were acquired. Sen. Baksh was right. These parcels of land were for improvement to the Caparo River. You will realize from visiting that area that persons built very close to the banks of the Caparo River, especially when you come through Montrose and Longdenville. We had to acquire some land to straighten the watercourse. In your time when the retention dam should have been built first and the sluice gate at Felicity, you should have cleared under the highway where those cylinders have sunk to alleviate the flooding. The last part was straightening the meandering of the Caparo River and that was done first under your government.

We are now trying to put in place a retention dam which would hold the water so that when the tide is dropping and the rain ceases, those areas would be poured into the Caparo River and we would have water for agricultural purposes in the dry season. Some of the funding that we are receiving from the oil sector is definitely being placed into infrastructural development which is long-term for sustainable use not only in the agricultural sector. At one time I thought that we

were looking to be backward; we should not have infrastructure, roads, dams and make a better way of life for the people in the rural areas.

I am certain that the other two Senators apart from Sen. Dr. Kernahan indicated that it was necessary for us to acquire land. Sen. Baksh said that he felt so comfortable that for the years he has been in Parliament, the Commissioner of State Lands that we got in November last year has been able to fast-track these land issues so that people would receive payment for the land. We are working together with the Act of Parliament in that persons are paid 80 per cent up front; 9 per cent interest on the money that the State owes them until section 5 is passed and we get through in Parliament, so there would be a settlement for lands they had to give up.

During the debate it came across as if the Government took lands. We took it legally and landowners had the choice of getting their independent valuations or going to court if they were not satisfied. Apparently, the people who had the gas line passing through their properties were very satisfied because of the funding that was given. Because of the money the Government had deposited in the Treasury they were able to get money on time. I can tell you that one of your colleagues in the Lower House benefited and he did not speak during the debate in the Lower House because he got money for lands that were abandoned that his parents had. His parents died and he inherited the land. I am certain that you are quite aware of your colleague who has benefited tremendously.

**Sen. Baksh:** Mr. Vice-President, I hope that the Minister will also take into consideration his colleague. Since another colleague in the Lower House got, we have a colleague in the Upper House whose land acquisition was not paid.

**Hon. J. Narine:** You have a choice. You can ask for an independent valuation or go to court if you are not satisfied. We did not have a problem with the 366 parcels of land because those landowners were very satisfied. What is a 56-inch pipeline? It is shorter than you, Sen. Mark. I am sure that you are over 56 inches. *[Laughter]* You are trying to tell us that that is a massive pipeline that is coming through south Trinidad. That is not so. You are aware that in North America and South America hundreds of miles of gas come from Alaska to the United States.

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Mr. Vice-President, with respect to the other part where you were speaking about safety, certainly, the National Gas Company (NGC) has a track record for safety, and you have said that and thank God up to this day we have had nothing

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going. Because of the surveillance, the monitoring and the maintenance NGC is well able to manage those facilities. NGC has been given the responsibility for maintaining those facilities.

I have listened to my colleague in the Lower House, the Minister of Energy and Energy Resources, and I am confident it has been said in the budget debate and in other debates about how safe the pipeline is—He mentioned something about modern technology that will probably pass us, and like yourself I am not trained in the oil industry, but I am hearing that there is a system called a Pig that goes through the gas lines and while going through the lines it would identify areas of leakage where corrosion is taking place. [*Interruption*] They call it a Pig and it is modern technology where you have proper surveillance. Sen. Baksh said that we should put some roadways. I am certain they are contemplating doing that because they have to keep monitoring the lines.

Sen. Mark, at one time I thought we were going to have thousands of persons working on the lines. No, the lines are to transport the gas. There will be surveillance on the lines so that it will be covered. There must be surveillance and checks and balances and with that system where we talk about modern technology, I can assure you that the gas lines are safer than your chairman and political leader at this point in time. [*Laughter*]

**Sen. Mark:** How did you reach there boy; you are interfering with my—  
[*Laughter*]

**Hon. J. Narine:** We came here with a Motion to improve drainage on the Maraval River and that is what we did. Today we will complete that transaction of the acquisition to pay them the 9 per cent interest and the rest of money that we owe to them.

With respect to the Mamoral Dam which is just a part of the acquisition for the river project, as soon as we have started the dam project, I am certain that we will have to acquire additional lands and whosoever is in the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources will have to come back to Parliament to ask for the permission to do so.

With respect to the gas lines, I am surprised at Sen. Dr. Kernahan. I understand that she lives in an area called Cumuto now and has been working very hard for her political party on the train line going from Arima to Cumuto, through the area we call the Aripo grasslands. I understand that she has been registering persons; looking for votes and so on, but I am certain that they are all squatters. The Senator comes here and talks about the environment but she could

have encouraged those persons not to go there and live, because eventually we will have to remove them. You would remember a colleague of yours—*[Interruption]* I said the lady who was talking about Cumuto and who lives there. *[Laughter]*

**Sen. Dr. Kernahan:** Mr. Vice-President, on a point of order. The Minister is misleading the Senate; I do not know what he is talking about. *[Laughter]*

**Hon. J. Narine:** I am certain that persons in this Senate would recall when the hon. Member and the Member of Parliament for the area walked throughout Cumuto, talking to the people and trying to whip up support for the local government elections. It was squatters you were speaking to. I know the area. My grandparents are from there. I am a born and bred Arimian so I know Wallerfield, Cumuto, and I have lands in Waterbahero so I am very much aware of the area and I can tell you that we need your help to get the squatters off that Aripo grasslands area, which is now under the RAMSA Agreement for conservation and protection. So while you were talking about the environment and the ecology and all that, you really want the votes of the people on the railway line. We got some votes, too, but these people will have to go because that is a protected area and sooner or later they will have to go.

Mr. Vice-President, most of what was said about the Union Estate today—the PNM government has a track record of doing things the right way. We gained all the approvals; we acquired what were state lands; we told the people—*[Interruption]* As a matter of fact, you do not even know what soil types there are or what you could grow there, so one of these good days—we are union colleagues—I may be able to educate you on types of land.

With respect to the entire Caroni area lands which is 77,000 acres; do you know that all those lands do not have one parcel that is grade one land? It might be amazing to you—*[Interruption]* Because there are lands that are suitable for housing; there are lands that are suitable for agriculture; there are lands that are suitable, like Point Lisas, for the short pants man to put some money in and then leave, and WASA and T&TEC are still paying. So that you have lands of commercial value for the industries at Point Lisas and we will always do that—*[Interruption]* I am on my feet now; I am certain you had your time.

Mr. Vice-President, I am saying that you can trust the People's National Movement because we are a party of 50 years. In the 50 years we have not damaged any part of the environment, except for areas that went for development because we have to take care of the people; that is why they voted for us and not

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for you. That is a track record that we have and next year when we celebrate 50 years as a political party I am sure you will envy us. [*Desk thumping*]

Mr. Vice-President, the pipeline that has been laid and I can say this—because of studies that were done the best place for us to put the Trains 1 to 4 and even Train 5 was in the Point Fortin area where there is a natural harbour and from where it is very easy, on the western coast of Trinidad, to export. The infrastructure was already in place and the environmental studies that were done would have damaged the east coast. That was taken into consideration to carry that pipeline from Beachfield to Point Fortin.

We are not doing anything that was not tried and tested by other countries. We are just small here; it is only about 63.5 kilometres of pipeline. From my memory that is not long and it is passing straight across, we do not have winding areas. We chose the area where it should go.

**Sen. Mark:** Mr. Vice-President, I just want to remind my colleague, as the PNM celebrates 50 years next year—[*Desk thumping*—I want him to bear in mind that there is an equivalent percentage of poor people in the country. Fifty per cent of the population lives on the poverty line, so you are coinciding with that. [*Desk thumping*]

**Hon. J. Narine:** You have not changed from your union times. You have a way of escalating the numbers when it is 5 per cent you say it is 50 per cent. [*Laughter*] I am accustomed to that, and there is no need to do that, Sen. Mark, because the statistics are there. People are complaining that they do not have persons to employ. All the sugar worker trade unions: Trinidad Islandwide Cane Farmers Association (TICFA), CPAP, CFAT; the direct delivery farmers in the sugarcane industry have written to us asking for permission to bring labour from Guyana and other Caribbean islands. Why? And you come here and say that there are 10,000 persons who are on the breadline from Caroni but yet there is nobody to cut cane—[*Interruption*] Because you wanted to keep them cutting canes for the rest of their lives. They are now trained. We have spent \$25 million to train them and they are employed in other areas. You would be surprised that your cane cutters are now welding and they are now doing better jobs than you could have ever offered to them but they will continue to blindly vote for you.

What is happening at this present time, because I was in Caroni Central yesterday afternoon, is that people are now thinking—because they are making more money—what a sad affair that they have followed an opposition party for all

these years, which could not take us out of the poverty that we were in. That is why you are going to fail at the next election. When the bell rings you may not even have a party.

The moneys owed to landowners, as was raised by Sen. Mark, I would be willing to answer but there are two things I need to ask—I do not know if you have considered that when you exposed how much money we owe to other people that you are giving information to the kidnapers.

**Sen. Mark:** Me?

**Hon. J. Narine:** Yes. You are asking questions that would give information to the kidnapers on those persons to whom we owe moneys. That was an irresponsible question. [*Interruption*] You asked me: “Who was owed and how much was owed to them?” You ask: “How much money we owed to persons from whom we acquired lands—[*Interruption*]—Individuals.

**Sen. Mark:** Mr. Vice-President, on a point of clarification. Just in case my colleague did not understand. I just asked my colleague if he could provide the Senate with an appreciation of the quantum owed to the people. If it were 200 persons and they were owed \$30 million that is all we ask of you. Kidnapping has nothing to do with it.

**Hon. J. Narine:** That is not what you said. If you ask the *Hansard* record—

**Sen. Mark:** Okay, I am rephrasing what I have said, okay.

**Sen. Dr. Saith:** And it is less than what was owed in 2001.

**Hon. J. Narine:** I can surely tell you that. Sen. Baksh also said that with the pace that we are going, we are not going to wait to pay persons after 15/20/30 years. We have been working towards having an efficient system. I can assure you that before my retirement—[*Interruption*] I am certain that most of the land transaction issues would have been behind me. [*Crosstalk*]

Sen. Mark, a couple years ago when we first became friends at Seamen and Waterfront Workers Trade Union (SWWTU), we had a five-day seminar and we spoke about the multiplier effect of money.

**Sen. Mark:** I cannot remember.

**Hon. J. Narine:** Mr. Vernon Glean was the President of SWWTU at the time, but when you put \$21 million into total opposition areas—Do you know what is

happening today in south Trinidad? I went to deliver an address on the 2006 budget and there were 175 persons in Debe/Penal where we never had 10 persons to speak to. *[Interruption]* Yes, because they had time. They came well dressed the night; the economy is running, I am telling you. Money is spinning in that area. What you never did for the people that you represented is now happening so do not be shocked when you hear the bell ring. At local government election you would recall a gentleman called Diptee Ramnath, it was the first time we won a seat in your heartland in local government and the multiplier effect for that too is happening. I am very certain that by the time we have another election we will have that situation well cleared. *[Interruption]*

**Sen. R. Montano:** With the monoculture? Mono is Spanish for one.

**Hon. J. Narine:** Mono.

**Sen. R. Montano:** You said it, monoculture.

**Hon. J. Narine:** Mono means one. *[Interruption]* Well, you know all the names for monkeys. *[Laughter]* I am certain one of those names is Robin. *[Laughter]*

*[Mr. Vice-President pounds the gavel]*

A very rare name, you would not imagine how rare. *[Laughter]* I am saying to you that I am certain that the land acquisition that is taking place today is certainly going to benefit the people of Trinidad and Tobago. I am saying with the gas line that is coming—I even heard Sen. Mark say that when the gas runs out—Well, then there will be no danger with line; we could leave it there. *[Interruption]* The point I am making is that the three persons who spoke this afternoon contradicted each other. One said we should not pass with the pipeline; then you said, yes, we have to develop the country and the economy and so on, and then Minister Baksh said something different to what you said. *[Interruption]* Sen. Baksh. He would always remain with “former” because he does not know if he is going or coming; he is in limbo in his political organization. *[Laughter]* You came here because you took basket from your Chairman who said that you “does” lick up everybody in the Senate, and I heard him on television. *[Laughter]* When we were in the union we had a favourite expression for persons like you: “Once you have a hole in your face you feel you could talk.” *[Laughter]*

Mr. Vice-President, I am certainly happy to have been here and to introduce these four acquisitions so that we could settle once and for all.



I beg to move, Mr. Vice-President.

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Resolved:*

That this House approve the decision of the President to acquire the lands in the Appendix to the Order Paper for the public purposes specified.

DESCRIPTION OF LAND	PUBLIC PURPOSES FOR WHICH TO BE ACQUIRED
<p>1. Three parcels of land containing 1,929.7 square metres more or less, situate along the Caparo River in the Borough of Chaguanas in the county of Caroni and described in the Schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated March 20, 2002 and filed in his office is required for a public purpose: Drainage Improvement Works to the Caparo River.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p>(1) A parcel of land comprising 58.9 square metres said to belong now or formerly to Samatie;</p> <p>(2) A parcel of land comprising 1824.2 square metres said to belong now or formerly to Subhadra Chankadyal;</p> <p>(3) A parcel of land comprising 46.6 square metres said to belong now or formerly to Ramasar and Soogan.</p> <p>These parcels are more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a survey plan filed in book 1243, folio 52, in the vault of the Lands and Surveys Department, 118 Frederick Street, Port of Spain.</p>	<p>Drainage Improvement Works to the Caparo</p>
<p>2. The parcel of land comprising 247.7 square metres more or less, situate at La Seiva Road, in the ward of Diego Martin, in the county of St. George and described in the schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2004 and filed in his</p>	<p>Widening of the La Seiva River, Maraval</p>

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<p>office, is required for a public purpose: Widening of the La Seiva River, Maraval.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p>A parcel of land comprising 247.7 square metres more or less, situate at La Seiva Road, in the ward of Diego Martin, in the county of St. George and said to belong now or formerly to Johnson.</p> <p>The parcel is more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a survey plan filed in book 1243, folio 172, in the vault of the Lands and Surveys Division, Old General Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.</p> <p>3. The seven parcels of lands together containing 1,803.8 square metres more or less, situate at Mendez Drive, Diego Martin, in the ward of Diego Martin in the county of St. George and described in the schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2000 and filed in his office are required for a public purpose: Extension of the Diego Martin Highway.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p>(1) A parcel of land comprising 80.3 square metres said to belong now or formerly to Mendez;</p> <p>(2) A parcel of land comprising 460.1 square metres said to belong now or formerly to Robert Navarro;</p> <p>(3) A parcel of land comprising 102.6 square metres said to belong now or formerly to Mendez;</p> <p>(4) A parcel of land comprising 462.6 square metres said to belong now or formerly to Joanne McLean;</p> <p>(5) A parcel of land comprising 28.8 square metres forming part of a Road Reserve and said to belong now or formerly to Mendez;</p> <p>(6) A parcel of land comprising 129.3 square metres said to belong now or formerly to Mendez; and</p>	<p>Extension of the Diego Martin Highway</p>

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<p>(7) A parcel of land comprising 540.1 square metres said to belong now or formerly to Zenobia Khan;</p> <p>These parcels are more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a survey plan filed in book 1243 as folio 41 in the vault of the Lands and Surveys Division, Old General Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.</p> <p>4. Two parcels of land together containing 0.2095 hectares more or less, situate at Guayaguayare, in the Ward of Guayaguayare, in the county of Mayaro, and described in the schedule and coloured raw sienna on plans of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 17<sup>th</sup> December, 1999 and filed in his office, are required for a public purpose: The laying of the natural gas pipelines for the development of the natural gas industry of Trinidad and Tobago.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p>Two parcels of land together containing 0.2095 hectares more or less, situate at Guayaguayare, in the Ward of Guayaguayare, in the county of Mayaro, and further described as follows:</p> <p>(1) A parcel of land comprising 0.1998 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Petronilla Hernandez;</p> <p>(2) A parcel of land comprising 0.0097 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Germaine Lezama.</p> <p>These parcels are more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a survey plans filed in book 1243 as folio 9A and book 1243 as folio 9B, respectively, in the Vault of the Lands and Surveys Department, Old General Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.</p>	<p>The laying of the natural gas pipelines for the development of the natural gas industry of Trinidad and Tobago.</p>

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<p>5 Three parcels of land together containing 1.0776 hectares more or less, situate between Trinity Road and Cortes Branch Trace, Moruga, in the Ward of Moruga, in the county of Victoria, and described in the schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2000 and filed in his office, are required for a public purpose: The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p>Three parcels of land together containing 1.0776 hectares more or less, situate between Trinity Road and Cortes Branch Trace, Moruga, in the Ward of Moruga, in the county of Victoria, and further described as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) a parcel of land comprising 0.2140 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Alexander Gabriel Frederick;</li> <li>(2) a parcel of land comprising 0.4223 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Boniface Garcia and others;</li> <li>(3) a parcel of land comprising 0.4413 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Celestine Alexander.</li> </ol> <p>These parcels are more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on survey plans filed as AN181/16 in the vault of the Lands and Surveys Department, Old General Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.</p>	<p>The laying of the natural gas pipelines for the development of the natural gas industry of Trinidad and Tobago</p>
<p>6. Three parcels of land together containing 3.9854 hectares more or less, situate at Moruga, in the Ward of Moruga, in the county of Victoria, and described in the Schedule and coloured raw sienna on plans of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated the 28<sup>th</sup> April, 1999 and 11<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development</p>

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<p>December, 2000 and filed in his office, are required for a public purpose: The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SCHEDULE</b></p> <p>Three parcels of land together containing 3.9854 hectares more or less, situate at Moruga, in the Ward of Moruga, in the county of Victoria, and further described as follows:</p> <p>(1) a parcel of land comprising 0.8986 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Elizabeth Placide;</p> <p>(2) a parcel of land comprising 2.2192 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Rookmin Bhagwandeem and others;</p> <p>(3) a parcel of land comprising 0.8676 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Juanita Goba.</p> <p>These parcels are more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on survey plans filed as AN181/18 and in book 1243 as folio 43, in the vault of the Lands and Surveys Department, Old General Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.</p>	<p>of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago</p>
<p>7. Two parcels of land together containing 0.4742 hectares more or less, situate off Cumuto Road, Barrackpore, in the Ward of Moruga, in the county of Victoria, and described in the schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2000 and filed in his office are required for a public purpose: The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago.</p>	<p>The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p>Two parcels of land together containing 0.4742 hectares more or less, situate off Cumuto Road, Barrackpore, in the Ward of Moruga, in the county of Victoria, and further described as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) a parcel of land comprising 0.3274 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Bissoondath Singh and Chandaye;</li> <li>(2) a parcel of land comprising 0.1468 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Juala Persad Singh.</li> </ol> <p>These parcels are more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a survey plan filed as AN181/20 in the vault of the Lands and Surveys Department, Old General Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.</p>	
<p>8. Five parcels of land together containing 0.8184 hectares more or less, situate between Kunjal Road and Cumuto Road, Barrackpore, in the Ward of Moruga, in the county of Victoria, and described in the schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2000 and filed in his office are required for a public purpose: The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago.</p>	<p>The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p>Five parcels of land together containing 0.8184 hectare more or less, situate between Kunjal Road and Cumuto Road, Barrackpore, in the Ward of Moruga, in the County of Victoria, and further described as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) a parcel of land comprising 0.3243 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Spar Investment Limited;</li> </ol>	

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<p>(2) a parcel of land comprising 0.1203 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Latchmidath Ramkisoan;</p> <p>(3) a parcel of land comprising 0.1005 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Kaloutie Ramadhin Bissessar and Mathura Bissessar;</p> <p>(4) a parcel of land comprising 0.1542 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Basdeo Siew Sankar;</p> <p>(5) a parcel of land comprising 0.1191 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Deodath Heera and others.</p> <p>These parcels are more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a survey plan file as AN181/21 in the vault of the Lands and Surveys Department, Old General Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.</p> <p>9. Seventeen parcels of land together containing 1.9857 hectares more or less, situated between Ramkhallia Trace and Gopaul Branch Trace, Barrackpore, in the Ward of Moruga, in the county of Victoria, and described in the schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 7<sup>th</sup> December, 1999 and filed in his office are required for a public purpose: The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p>Seventeen parcels of land together containing 1.9857 hectares more or less, situate between Ramkhallia Trace and Gopaul Branch Trace, Barrackpore, in the Ward of Moruga, in the county of Victoria, and further described as follows:</p>	<p>The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago</p>

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<p>(1) a parcel of land comprising 0.1172 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Ishmael Baksh;</p> <p>(2) a parcel of land comprising 0.2292 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Sinanan Ramsubhag;</p> <p>(3) a parcel of land comprising 0.1159 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Silvan Maniram RamRamlochan and others;</p> <p>(4) a parcel of land comprising 0.0665 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Silvan Maniram RamRamlochan and others;</p> <p>(5) a parcel of land comprising 0.0184 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Rajcoomar Ramjattansingh and others;</p> <p>(6) a parcel of land comprising 0.0281 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Rajcoomar Ramjattansingh and others;</p> <p>(7) a parcel of land comprising 0.3197 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Popo Narine Dass and Kismattee Narine Dass;</p> <p>(8) a parcel of land comprising 0.3385 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Zeeron Ali and others;</p> <p>(9) a parcel of land comprising 0.0517 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Harry Bridgemohan and Phulbassia Harry;</p> <p>(10) a parcel of land comprising 0.3756 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Faizul Hosein and others;</p> <p>(11) a parcel of land comprising 0.0613 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Lackpateah Balkaran and Ramkissoon Balkaran;</p>	



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<p>(12) a parcel of land comprising 0.0576 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Margaret La Pompe;</p> <p>(13) a parcel of land comprising 0.0266 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Dhanish Ramsamooj and Kherodha Ramsamooj;</p> <p>(14) a parcel of land comprising 0.0191 hectares more or less, and said to belong now or formerly to Matia Pyarilal and others;</p> <p>(15) a parcel of land comprising 0.0135 hectares more or less, and said to belong now or formerly to Matia Pyarilal;</p> <p>(16) a parcel of land comprising 0.0372 hectares more or less, and said to belong now or formerly to Rookmandeen Dowlat;</p> <p>(17) a parcel of land comprising 0.1096 hectares more or less, and said to belong now or formerly to Ramharack Maharaj and others.</p> <p>These parcels are more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a survey plan file as AN181/22 in the vault of the Lands and Surveys Department, Old General Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.</p>	
<p>10. Thirty-five parcels of land together containing 4.2738 hectares more or less, situate between Rochard Local Road and Ramkhalia Trace, Barrackpore, in the Wards of Siparia and Moruga, in the counties of St. Patrick and Victoria, and described in the schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2000 and filed in his office are required for a public purpose: The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago.</p>	<p>The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago</p>

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<b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b>	
<p>Thirty-five parcels of land together containing 4.2738 hectares more or less, situate between Rochard Local Road and Ramkhallia Trace, Barrackpore, in the Wards of Siparia and Moruga, in the Counties of St. Patrick and Victoria, and further described as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) a parcel of land comprising 0.2886 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Dass and others;</li> <li>(2) a parcel of land comprising 0.0571 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Harduar Gowrie and Lilawatie Gowrie;</li> <li>(3) a parcel of land comprising 0.7695 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Lutchman Singh;</li> <li>(4) a parcel of land comprising 0.1474 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Bachanee and Harripersad Banie a/c Benny;</li> <li>(5) a parcel of land comprising 0.0487 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Suresh Seedoo and others;</li> <li>(6) a parcel of land comprising 0.0410 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Kumar Ramlal others;</li> <li>(7) a parcel of land comprising 0.0564 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Sookoo Benny;</li> <li>(8) a parcel of land comprising 0.0682 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Rampersad Seeloch</li> <li>(9) a parcel of land comprising 0.1864 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Mooniah Sookoon;</li> </ol>	

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(10) a parcel of land comprising 0.3212 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Sookram Ramsawak;	
(11) a parcel of land comprising 0.0077 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Rampiaree;	
(12) a parcel of land comprising 0.4043 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Parandai;	
(13) a parcel of land comprising 0.3608 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Soobhagia;	
(14) a parcel of land comprising 0.2003 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Seenath and others;	
(15) a parcel of land comprising 0.0713 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Leelawatie Ramdial;	
(16) a parcel of land comprising 0.1727 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Seenarine;	
(17) a parcel of land comprising 0.0192 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Olive Ramessar;	
(18) a parcel of land comprising 0.0597 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Mania Mootelal;	
(19) a parcel of land comprising 0.0349 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Ramrajie Chabdeo;	
(20) a parcel of land comprising 0.0486 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Mary C. Ragbir and Deonarine Ragbir;	
(21) a parcel of land comprising 0.0408 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Prabhoutie Ramnarine and Sahadeo Ramnarine;	
(22) a parcel of land comprising 0.0412 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Dolly Sundar	

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<p>and Kooarsingh Sundar;</p> <p>(23) a parcel of land comprising 0.1932 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Leelawatie Ramdial;</p> <p>(24) a parcel of land comprising 0.0364 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Ramsundar Mohan and others;</p> <p>(25) a parcel of land comprising 0.0347 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Dasarath Mohan;</p> <p>(26) a parcel of land comprising 0.0308 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Ramdeo Permal Mohan;</p> <p>(27) a parcel of land comprising 0.0765 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Bodo Ramnarine;</p> <p>(28) a parcel of land comprising 0.1014 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Lalmohan Motilal;</p> <p>(29) a parcel of land comprising 0.0999 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Angelene Ali and Raffick Ali;</p> <p>(30) a parcel of land comprising 0.0344 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Mangroo Dodal;</p> <p>(31) a parcel of land comprising 0.0354 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Deopersad Chatooree and others;</p> <p>(32) a parcel of land comprising 0.0323 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Rookmin;</p> <p>(33) a parcel of land comprising 0.0614 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Bella Arjoon and Deokalia Arjoon;</p>	

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<p>(34) a parcel of land comprising 0.0294 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Jassodia;</p> <p>(35) a parcel of land comprising 0.0620 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Nazmoon Ali and Azad Ali;</p> <p>These parcels are more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a survey plan file as AN181/23 in the vault of the Lands and Surveys Department, Old General Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.</p> <p>11. Four parcels of land together containing 1.1286 hectares more or less, situate at Digits Village, Barrackpore, in the Ward of Naparima, in the county of Victoria, and described in the Schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 13<sup>th</sup> September, 1999 and filed in his office are required for a public purpose: The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p>Four parcels of land together containing 1.1286 hectares more or less, situate at Digits Village, Barrackpore, in the Ward of Naparima, in the County of Victoria, and further described as follows:</p> <p>(1) a parcel of land comprising 0.1690 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Seepersad Sudan and Satash Sudan and others;</p> <p>(2) a parcel of land comprising 0.1846 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Sasenarine Deonarine;</p> <p>(3) a parcel of land comprising 0.3731 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Sasenarine Deonarine;</p> <p>(4) a parcel of land comprising 0.4019 hectares more or</p>	<p>The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago</p>

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<p>less, said to belong now or formerly to Suruj Lal and Soodan;</p> <p>These parcels are more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a Survey Plan file as AN181/25 in the vault of the Lands and Surveys Department, Old General Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.</p> <p>12. Several parcels of land comprising 24.3504 hectares more or less, situate at Picton Wellington and Dumfries Estate, in the Ward of Naparima, in the county of Victoria, and described in the Schedule and coloured raw sienna on plans of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 7<sup>th</sup> December, 1999, 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2000, 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 1999 and 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2000 and filed in his office are required for a public purpose: The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p>Several parcels of land comprising 24.3504 hectares more or less, situate at Picton Wellington and Dumfries Estate, in the Ward of Naparima, in the county of Victoria, and further described as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Two parcels of land comprising 6.6734 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Caroni (1975) Limited;</li> <li>(2) Three parcels of land comprising 6.1274 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Caroni (1975) Limited;</li> <li>(3) Four parcels of land comprising 5.4301 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Caroni (1975) Limited;</li> <li>(4) Six parcels of land comprising 6.1195 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to</li> </ol>	<p>The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural of Trinidad and Tobago</p>

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<p>Caroni (1975) Limited.</p> <p>These parcels are more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a survey plan file as AN181/26, AN181/27, AN181/28, AN181/29 and AN181/29A, respectively, in the vault of the Lands and Surveys Department, Old General Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.</p> <p>13. Three parcels of land comprising 3.2259 hectares more or less, situate at Hermitage, in the Ward of Naparima, in the county of Victoria, and described in the Schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2000 and filed in his office are required for a public purpose: The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p>Three parcels of land comprising 3.2259 hectares more or less, situate at Hermitage, in the Ward of Naparima, in the county of Victoria, said to belong now or formerly to Caroni (1975) Limited.</p> <p>These parcels are more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a Survey Plan file as AN181/30A in the Vault of the Lands and Surveys Department, Old General Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.</p>	<p>The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago</p>
<p>14. Thirteen parcels of land comprising 2.7139 hectares more or less, situate between La Fortune-Pluck Road and Mungal Trace, Woodland, in the Ward of Siparia, in the county of St. Patrick, and described in the Schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2001 and filed in his office are required for a public purpose: The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the</p>	<p>The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry</p>

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<p>Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p>Thirteen parcels of land together containing 2.7139 hectares more or less, situate between La Fortune-Pluck Road and Mungal Trace, Woodland, in the Ward of Siparia, in the County of St. Patrick, and further described as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) A parcel of land comprising 0.5505 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Jaipersad Harduar and Sylvia Jaipersad;</li> <li>(2) A parcel of land comprising 0.3843 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Mona Gangabissoon, Gangabissoon Harduar and others;</li> <li>(3) A parcel of land comprising 0.0797 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Deokie Ramlal, Baby Ramlal and Deonarine Ramlal;</li> <li>(4) A parcel of land comprising 0.1104 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Lalchan and Ramlal;</li> <li>(5) A parcel of land comprising 0.5928 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Harry Persad and Dolly Persad;</li> <li>(6) A parcel of land comprising 0.2102 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Rita Kalloo, Leela Kalloo and others;</li> <li>(7) A parcel of land comprising 0.0191 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Harrylal, Pearylal Heeralal and Mawarlal Heeralal;</li> <li>(8) A parcel of land comprising 0.0594 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Mirza Khan, Camroon Khan and Sharaz Khan;</li> </ol>	<p>of Trinidad and Tobago</p>



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<p>(9) A parcel of land comprising 0.1424 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Jaimungal and Sabhan and Soomaria;</p> <p>(10) A parcel of land comprising 0.0279 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Piaralal Maharaj a/c Sooknanan;</p> <p>(11) A parcel of land comprising 0.2169 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Ramdeo Sahadeo, Sahadeo and Baboonie;</p> <p>(12) A parcel of land comprising 0.1100 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Jaimingal and Sobhan and Soomaria;</p> <p>(13) A parcel of land comprising 0.2103 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Ramroop Mungal.</p> <p>These parcels are more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a survey plan file as AN181/31 in the vault of the Lands and Surveys Department, Old General Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.</p> <p>15. Twenty-six parcels of land together containing 4.1346 hectares more or less, situate at La Fortune-Pluck Road, Woodland, in the Ward of Siparia, in the county of St. Patrick, and described in the Schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2000 and filed in his office are required for a public purpose: The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p>Twenty-six parcels of land together containing 4.1346 hectares more or less, situate at La Fortune-Pluck Road, Woodland, in the Ward of Siparia, in the county of St. Patrick, and further described as follows:</p>	<p>The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago</p>

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<p>(1) a parcel of land comprising 0.3614 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Deoraj Ramasray and Boodhnee Ramasraj;</p> <p>(2) a parcel of land comprising 0.0652 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Jassodra Sampath and Sookdeo Sampath;</p> <p>(3) a parcel of land comprising 0.3922 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Deoraj Ramasray and Boodhnee Ramasraj;</p> <p>(4) a parcel of land comprising 0.0080 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Santa Cecelia Limited;</p> <p>(5) a parcel of land comprising 0.0075 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Dolly Ramoutar and Roopnarine Harduar;</p> <p>(6) a parcel of land comprising 0.0587 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Rampersad Ramasray;</p> <p>(7) a parcel of land comprising 0.1457 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Rampersad Ramasray;</p> <p>(8) a parcel of land comprising 0.2352 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Harry Persad Hardwar;</p> <p>(9) a parcel of land comprising 0.0644 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Deoraj Ramasray;</p> <p>(10) a parcel of land comprising 0.0220 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Deoraj Ramasray;</p> <p>(11) a parcel of land comprising 0.1337 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Solomon Mathura;</p>	

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(12) a parcel of land comprising 0.1416 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Jawala Persad Binda and Soogrim Binda;	
(13) a parcel of land comprising 0.1674 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Balroop Binda and Roland Binda;	
(14) a parcel of land comprising 0.1384 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Jawala Persad Binda;	
(15) a parcel of land comprising 0.5565 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Albert Francis;	
(16) a parcel of land comprising 0.1511 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Abraham Mathura and Anna Hosein;	
(17) a parcel of land comprising 0.1592 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Ramcharan Dass;	
(18) a parcel of land comprising 0.2105 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Haitoon Khan;	
(19) a parcel of land comprising 0.1822 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Tymoon Khan;	
(20) a parcel of land comprising 0.1210 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Sonny Khan;	
(21) a parcel of land comprising 0.2432 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Errol Jaggernath a/c Latchmin Samaroo;	
(22) a parcel of land comprising 0.2224 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Soony Mungal a/c Sirjulal;	
(23) a parcel of land comprising 0.0055 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Parbatee	

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<p>Ramnath and Harrilal Ramnath;</p> <p>(24) a parcel of land comprising 0.0217 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Polly Bhagan and Nehrular Bhagan;</p> <p>(25) a parcel of land comprising 0.1529 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Ramcharan Bhagan;</p> <p>(26) a parcel of land comprising 0.1670 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Ramgahan Rajpaul and others.</p> <p>These parcels are more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a survey plan file as AN181/32 in the vault of the Lands and Surveys Department, Old General Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.</p>	
<p>16. Seventeen parcels of land together containing 4.7677 hectares more or less, situate between Siparia Road, Avocat and 1'Islet Grande Terre, Woodland, in the Ward of Siparia, in the county of St. Patrick, and described in the Schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2005 and filed in his office are required for a public purpose: The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p>Seventeen parcels of land together containing 4.7677 hectares more or less, situate between Siparia Road, Avocat and 1'Islet Grande Terre, Woodland, in the Ward of Siparia, in the county of St. Patrick, and further described as follows:</p> <p>(1) a parcel of land comprising 0.1125 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to John Edward;</p>	<p>The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago</p>

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<p>(2) a parcel of land comprising 0.3835 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Roopnarine Rampaul;</p> <p>(3) a parcel of land comprising 0.5847 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Ramesar Ramgopaul and Phulwa Ramgopaul;</p> <p>(4) a parcel of land comprising 0.1926 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Harrack Parasramsingh;</p> <p>(5) a parcel of land comprising 0.0505 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Sonny Ram Ariaah and Phabhawati Ariaah;</p> <p>(6) a parcel of land comprising 0.3631 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Ramsaran Jairam Singh and others;</p> <p>(7) a parcel of land comprising 0.2064 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Sonny Ram Ariaah and Phabhawati Ariaah;</p> <p>(8) a parcel of land comprising 0.2139 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Mungarie Ramkaran and others;</p> <p>(9) a parcel of land comprising 0.1980 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Mungarie Ramkaran and others;</p> <p>(10) a parcel of land comprising 0.3268 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Yamin Mohammed and Zalukha Mohammed;</p> <p>(11) a parcel of land comprising 0.4505 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Sahadeo Ragbir Seuceran and others;</p> <p>(12) a parcel of land comprising 0.2637 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Kayso Seegobin and Kesraj Seegobin;</p>	

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<p>(13) a parcel of land comprising 0.3458 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Manoo a/c Mano Sakul;</p> <p>(14) a parcel of land comprising 0.6584 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Santa Cecelia Limited;</p> <p>(15) several parcels of land comprising 0.2010 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Manoo a/c Mano Sakul;</p> <p>(16) a parcel of land comprising 0.1541 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Boodhnee Ramasraj;</p> <p>(17) a parcel of land comprising 0.0622 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Boodhnee Ramasraj and Deoraj Ramasray.</p> <p>These parcels are more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a survey plan file as AN181/33 in the vault of the Lands and Surveys Department, Old General Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.</p> <p>17. Thirteen parcels of land together containing 5.6173 hectares more or less, situate between Fyzabad Road, Fyzabad and Siparia Roads, Avocat in the Ward of Siparia, in the county of St. Patrick, and described in the Schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2000 and filed in his office are required for a public purpose: The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p>Thirteen parcels of land together containing 5.6173 hectares more or less, situate between Fyzabad Road, Fyzabad and Siparia Roads, Avocat, in the Ward of Siparia, in the county of St. Patrick, and further described as follows:</p>	

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(1) a parcel of land comprising 1.2134 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Estate of Sumintra Partap;	
(2) a parcel of land comprising 0.3051 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Estate of Sumintra Partap;	
(3) a parcel of land comprising 0.1148 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Estate of Sumintra Partap;	
(4) a parcel of land comprising 1.0133 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Mungur;	
(5) a parcel of land comprising 0.0240 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Buddul;	
(6) a parcel of land comprising 0.2766 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Sumintra Partap;	
(7) a parcel of land comprising 0.6002 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Samuel Samsoundar a/c Samsoomdar;	
(8) a parcel of land comprising 0.0197 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Ramsumair Singh;	
(9) a parcel of land comprising 0.4781 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Hooteen;	
(10) a parcel of land comprising 0.3021 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Estate of Shirley Narine and others;	
(11) a parcel of land comprising 0.5562 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Chandranwatee Maharaj and others;	
(12) a parcel of land comprising 0.5322 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Indra Davee Sharma and Chandradath Lashimiedath Sharma;	

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<p>(13) a parcel of land comprising 0.1816 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Allrucksing.</p> <p>These parcels are more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a survey plan file as AN181/34 in the vault of the Lands and Surveys Department, Old General Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.</p> <p>18. Twenty-six parcels of land together containing 5.1866 hectares more or less, situate between Mondesir-Delhi Road, and Fyzabad Road, Fyzabad in the Ward of Siparia, in the county of St. Patrick, and described in the schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2001 and filed in his office are required for a public purpose: The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p>Twenty-six parcels of land together containing 5.1866 hectares more or less, situate between Mondesir-Delhi Road, and Fyzabad Road, Fyzabad, in the Ward of Siparia, in the county of St. Patrick, and further described as follows:</p> <p>(1) a parcel of land comprising 0.5293 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Estate of Roosevelt Ramdin;</p> <p>(2) a parcel of land comprising 0.0381 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Harrypersad Mangaroo;</p> <p>(3) a parcel of land comprising 0.4437 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Chandradath Seenath;</p> <p>(4) a parcel of land comprising 0.0104 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Robert</p>	<p>The laying of the natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago</p>



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<p>G.L.O'Riley-Apsion and others;</p> <p>(5) a parcel of land comprising 0.0280 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Jacob Brijlal;</p> <p>(6) a parcel of land comprising 0.2406 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Elnathan Brijlal;</p> <p>(7) a parcel of land comprising 0.1315 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Leah Kalicharan;</p> <p>(8) a parcel of land comprising 0.1065 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Deonanan and Rajkumar Deonanan;</p> <p>(9) a parcel of land comprising 0.1341 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Deonarine;</p> <p>(10) a parcel of land comprising 0.4514 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Maniram Chaitoo and others;</p> <p>(11) a parcel of land comprising 0.0361 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Alvin Seunarine and Dexter Soodeen;</p> <p>(12) a parcel of land comprising 0.0151 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Dhanraj Chaitoo and others;</p> <p>(13) a parcel of land comprising 0.1546 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Soogrim Jugmohan;</p> <p>(14) a parcel of land comprising 0.2415 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Soogrim Jugmohan;</p> <p>(15) a parcel of land comprising 0.1202 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Soogrim Jugmohan;</p>	

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(16) a parcel of land comprising 0.3015 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Ivan Ramlogan and others;	
(17) a parcel of land comprising 0.0806 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Harrilal Mahabir;	
(18) a parcel of land comprising 0.0892 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Ramharan a/c Samaroo;	
(19) a parcel of land comprising 0.1230 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Baby Ramrattan and Chotalal Ramrattan;	
(20) a parcel of land comprising 0.2676 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Krishna Banwaree, Kelvin Banwaree and others;	
(21) a parcel of land comprising 0.0772 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Rajdaye Sinanan and Malan Ballieram;	
(22) a parcel of land comprising 0.0310 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Seeman, Lal and others;	
(23) a parcel of land comprising 0.3792 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Marie Le Blanc and others;	
(24) a parcel of land comprising 0.4141 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Maria Le Blanc and others;	
(25) a parcel of land comprising 0.3495 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Maria Le Blanc and others;	
(26) a parcel of land comprising 0.3926 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Estate of Sumintra Partap.	

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<p>These parcels are more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a survey plan file as AN181/35 in the vault of the Lands and Surveys Department, Old General Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.</p> <p>19. Eight parcels of land together containing 2.4126 hectares more or less, situate between Grant Trace, Rousillac and Mondesir-Delhi Road, Fyzabad, in the Wards of La Brea and Siparia, in the county of St. Patrick, and described in the schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2000 and filed in his office are required for a public purpose: The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p>Eight parcels of land together containing 2.4126 hectares more or less, situate between Grant Trace, Rousillac and Mondesir-Delhi Road, Fyzabad, in the Ward of La Brea and Siparia, in the county of St. Patrick, and further described as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) a parcel of land comprising 0.5923 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Randolph Cayenne;</li> <li>(2) a parcel of land comprising 0.3438 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Vada Cheddie and others;</li> <li>(3) a parcel of land comprising 0.0789 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Siew Sooknanan and others;</li> <li>(4) a parcel of land comprising 0.3630 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Boodoo Payman;</li> <li>(5) a parcel of land comprising 0.0047 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Clifton</li> </ol>	<p>The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago</p>

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<p>Chankersingh and others;</p> <p>(6) a parcel of land comprising 0.2443 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Sumintra Chankersingh a/c Pargass and others;</p> <p>(7) a parcel of land comprising 0.6067 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Roopnarine Seenath and Deonarine Seenath;</p> <p>(8) a parcel of land comprising 0.1789 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Ramragee.</p> <p>These parcels are more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a survey plan file as AN181/36 in the vault of the Lands and Surveys Department, Old General Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.</p> <p>20. Eight parcels of land together containing 1.9879 hectares more or less, situate between a road reserve off Eckel Trace and Grant Trace, Rousillac, in the ward of La Brea, in the county of St. Patrick, and described in the schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 7<sup>th</sup> December, 1999 and filed in his office are required for a public purpose: The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the National Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p>Eight parcels of land together containing 1.9879 hectares more or less, situate between a road reserve off Eckel Trace and Grant Trace, Rousillac, in the ward of La Brea, in the county of St. Patrick, and further described as follows:</p> <p>(1) a parcel of land comprising 0.3077 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Siewnarine Sookoo;</p> <p>(2) a parcel of land comprising 0.2787 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Ghansham Rambharose and others;</p>	<p>The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago</p>

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<p>(3) a parcel of land comprising 0.1224 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Krishendath Ramnarine and Tuyia Ramnarine Goorbharry;</p> <p>(4) a parcel of land comprising 0.2991 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Dolly Chankersingh and others;</p> <p>(5) a parcel of land comprising 0.2051 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Arjoon Ratieram;</p> <p>(6) a parcel of land comprising 0.2094 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Gulab dai Gosine and Bhagwandath Gosine;</p> <p>(7) a parcel of land comprising 0.3334 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Malcolm Reid and Reesie Ramkissoon;</p> <p>(8) a parcel of land comprising 0.2321 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Aaron Chedi;</p> <p>These parcels are more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a survey plan filed as AN181/37 in the vault of the Lands and Surveys Department, Old General Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.</p> <p>21. Two parcels of land together containing 0.4839 hectares more or less, situate at Point Fortin, in the Ward of La Brea, in the county of St. Patrick, and described in the schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2000 and filed in his office are required for a public purpose: The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the National Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p>Two parcels of land together containing 0.4839 hectares more or less, situate at Point Fortin, in the Ward of La Brea,</p>	<p>The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago</p>

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<p>in the county of St. Patrick, and further described as follows:</p> <p>(1) a parcel of land comprising 0.3689 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Reynold Thompson and Austin Thompson;</p> <p>(2) a parcel of land comprising 0.1150 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Elias Noel.</p> <p>These parcels are more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a survey plan filed as AN181/40 in the vault of the Lands and Surveys Department, Old General Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.</p>	
<p>22. Six parcels of land comprising together 8.1439 hectares more or less, situate at Picton Estate, in the Ward of Naparima, in the county of Victoria, and described in the Schedule and coloured raw sienna on plans of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2001 and 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2000 and filed in his office are required for a public purpose: The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p>Six parcels of land together containing 8.1439 hectares more or less, situate at Picton Estate, in the Ward of Naparima, in the county of Victoria, and further described as follows:</p> <p>(1) five (5) parcels of land comprising together 4.6232 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Caroni (1975) Limited;</p> <p>(2) a parcel of land comprising 3.5207 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Caroni (1975) Limited.</p> <p>These parcels are more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on survey plans filed as AN181/44 and AN181/45 in the vault of the Lands and Surveys Department, Old General Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.</p>	<p>The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago</p>

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<p>23. Four parcels of land together containing 3.4687 hectares more or less, situate at Golconda Estate, in the Ward of Naparima, in the county of Victoria, and described in the schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2001 and filed in his office are required for a public purpose: The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p>Four parcels of land together containing 3.4687 hectares more or less, situate at Golconda Estate, in the Ward of Naparima, in the county of Victoria, and further described as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) a parcel of land comprising 1.9322 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Caroni (1975) Limited;</li> <li>(2) a parcel of land comprising 0.0364 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Caroni (1975) Limited;</li> <li>(3) a parcel of land comprising 0.0173 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Caroni (1975) Limited;</li> <li>(4) a parcel of land comprising 1.4828 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Caroni (1975) Limited;</li> </ol> <p>These parcels are more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a survey plan filed as AN181/46 in the vault of the Lands and Surveys Department, Old General Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.</p>	<p>The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago</p>
<p>24. Twelve parcels of land of which five parcels contain 2.6695 hectares and seven parcels contain 669.5 square metres more or less, situate at St. Madeline, in the Ward of Naparima, in the county of Victoria, and described in the schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey</p>	<p>The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the</p>

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<p>signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2005 and filed in his office are required for a public purpose: The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p>Twelve parcels of land of which five parcels contain 2.6695 hectares and seven parcels contain 669.5 square metres more or less, situate at St. Madeline, in the Ward of Naparima, in the county of Victoria, and further described as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) two parcels of land comprising 1.7346 hectares and one parcel comprising 77.8 square metres more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Caroni (1975) Limited;</li> <li>(2) a parcel of land comprising 0.0128 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Vincent Mapp;</li> <li>(3) a parcel of land comprising 0.1296 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Savita Birju;</li> <li>(4) a parcel of land comprising 79.7 square metres more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Claudette Hazelwood, Humphrey Hazelwood and others;</li> <li>(5) a parcel of land comprising 41.2 square metres more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Ruby Pariag a/c Parag, Geeta Jadoonanan and others;</li> <li>(6) a parcel of land comprising 78.0 square metres more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Ramesh Soondar, Ena Sonny and others ;</li> <li>(7) a parcel of land comprising 74.7 square metres more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Lakwantiah Ramdhanie;</li> <li>(8) a parcel of land comprising 130.3 square metres more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Barbara Hamlet and Trim Hamlet;</li> <li>(9) a parcel of land comprising 187.8 square metres more or less, said to belong now or formerly to</li> </ol>	<p>Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago</p>



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<p>(10) Sylvia Kenneth and Kenneth Ramdhanie; a parcel of land comprising 0.7925 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to East San Fernando Housing Development Company Limited.</p> <p>These parcels are more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a survey plan filed as AN181/47 in the vault of the Lands and Surveys Department, Old General Post Office Building, Port of Spain.</p> <p>25. Three parcels of land together containing 2.9492 hectares more or less, situate at Tarouba Estate, in the ward of Naparima, in the county of Victoria, and described in the schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2001 and filed in his office are required for a public purpose: The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p>Three parcels of land together containing 2.492 hectares more or less, situate at Tarouba Estate, in the Ward of Naparima, in the County of Victoria, and further described as follows:</p> <p>(1) a parcel of land comprising 0.2843 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to San Fernando Housing Development Company Limited;</p> <p>(2) a parcel of land comprising 0.0873 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Myrtle Yearwood-Thompson;</p> <p>(3) a parcel of land comprising 2.5776 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Caroni (1975) Limited.</p> <p>These parcels are more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a survey plan filed as AN181/48 in the vault of the Lands and Surveys Department, Old General Post Office</p>	<p>The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago</p>

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<p>Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.</p> <p>26. Three parcels of land together containing 4.8989 hectares more or less, situate between Tarouba Extension Road, Tarouba and Pointe-a-Pierre, in the ward of Naparima, in the county of Victoria, and described in the schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2001 and filed in his office are required for a public purpose: The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p>Three parcels of land together containing 4.8989 hectares more or less, situate between Tarouba Extension Road, Tarouba and Pointe-a-Pierre, in the ward of Naparima, in the county of Victoria, and further described as follows:</p> <p>(1) a parcel of land comprising 4.3760 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Caroni (1975) Limited;</p> <p>(2) a parcel of land comprising 0.1512 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Sumatie a/c Sumatia Mohammed;</p> <p>(3) A parcel of land comprising 0.3717 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Kelvin Ramjass Sawh and Delicia Sawh.</p> <p>These parcels are more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a survey plan filed as AN181/49 in the vault of the Lands and Surveys Department, Old General Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.</p>	<p>The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago</p>
<p>27. Four parcels of land together containing 2.8729 hectares more or less, situate along the Solomon Hochoy Highway, between Gasparillo and Claxton Bay, in the Ward of Pointe-a-Pierre, in the county of Victoria, and described in the schedule and</p>	<p>The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development</p>

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<p>coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2001 and filed in his office are required for a public purpose: The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p>Four parcels of land together containing 2.8729 hectares more or less, situate along the Solomon Hochoy Highway, between Gasparillo and Claxton Bay, in the ward of Pointe-a-Pierre, in the county of Victoria, and further described as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) a parcel of land comprising 0.0463 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Samuel Satewayo Sampson;</li> <li>(2) a parcel of land comprising 0.0555 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Mohanlal Bhagaloo and Bhanuamatie Bhagaloo;</li> <li>(3) a parcel of land comprising 1.3537 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to the Estate of Beryl Amanda West, deceased;</li> <li>(4) a parcel of land comprising 1.4174 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Carifinance Limited.</li> </ol> <p>These parcels are more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a survey plan filed as AN181/51 in the vault of the Lands and Surveys Department, Old General Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.</p> <p>28. Eleven parcels of land together containing 3.7002 hectares more or less, situate at Claxton Bay, in the ward of Pointe-a-Pierre, in the county of Victoria, and described in the schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey</p>	<p>of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago</p> <p>The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines</p>

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<p>signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2001 and filed in his office are required for a public purpose: The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p>Eleven parcels of land together containing 3.7002 hectares more or less, situate at Claxton Bay, in the ward of Pointe-a-Pierre, in the county of Victoria, and further described as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) a parcel of land comprising 1.8757 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Savonetta Properties Limited;</li> <li>(2) a parcel of land comprising 0.2209 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Joyce Ochoa;</li> <li>(3) a parcel of land comprising 0.0509 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Anjanie Nandlal and Jainarin Nandlal;</li> <li>(4) a parcel of land comprising 0.0718 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Stephen Fanovich and Romatie Fanovich;</li> <li>(5) a parcel of land comprising 0.1767 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Kumar Salick;</li> <li>(6) a parcel of land comprising 0.1988 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Nigel Saroop and David Saroop;</li> <li>(7) a parcel of land comprising 0.0494 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Kumar Salick;</li> <li>(8) a parcel of land comprising 0.0881 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Savonetta Properties Limited;</li> <li>(9) a parcel of land comprising 0.0198 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to John Colbert Gomes and Samlal Kalickalal Bhooplal;</li> </ol>	<p>for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago</p>

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<p>(10) a parcel of land comprising 0.3778 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Bramdeo Maharaj, Sharda Maharaj, and Prabhawati Maharaj;</p> <p>(11) a parcel of land comprising 0.5709 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Prabhawati Maharaj, and Bramdeo Maharaj.</p> <p>These parcels are more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a survey plan filed as AN181/52 in the vault of the Lands and Surveys Department, Old General Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.</p>	
<p>29. Nine parcels of land together containing 3.3380 hectares more or less, situate at Forres Park Estate, Claxton Bay, in the wards of Couva and Pointe-a-Pierre, in the counties of Victoria and Caroni, and described in the schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2001 and filed in his office are required for a public purpose: The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p>Nine parcels of land together containing 3.3380 hectares more or less, situate at Forres Park Estate, Claxton Bay, in the wards of Couva and Pointe-a-Pierre, in the counties of Victoria and Caroni, and further described as follows:</p> <p>(1) seven (7) parcels of land comprising together 3.1376 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Caroni (1975) Limited;</p> <p>(2) a parcel of land comprising 0.1173 hectares more or less, said to belong now and formerly to Deo Mahadeo, Linda Sammy and others;</p>	<p>The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago</p>

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<p>(3) a parcel of land comprising 0.0831 hectares more or less, said to belong now and formerly to Jered Bahadur, Stella Lily Bahadur and others.</p> <p>These parcels are more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a Survey Plan filed as AN181/53 in the Vault of the Lands and Surveys Department, Old General Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.</p>	
<p>30. Eleven parcels of land together containing 3.5017 hectares more or less, situate at Phoenix Park Estate and Forres Park Estate, Claxton Bay, in the ward of Couva, in the county of Caroni, and described in the schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2000 and filed in his office are required for a public purpose: The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p>Eleven parcels of land together containing 3.5017 hectares more or less, situate at Phoenix Park Estate and Forres Park Estate, Claxton Bay, in the ward of Couva, in the county of Caroni, and further described as follows:</p> <p>(1) a parcel of land comprising 2.2177 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Caroni (1975) Limited;</p> <p>(2) a parcel of land comprising 0.3479 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Caroni (1975) Limited;</p> <p>(3) a parcel of land comprising 0.0295 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Balkissoon Sakicharan and Sunil Sakicharan;</p>	<p>The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago</p>

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<p>(4) a parcel of land comprising 0.0268 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Caroni (1975) Limited;</p> <p>(5) a parcel of land comprising 0.0259 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Balle Seebaran and Ramharrack Seebaran;</p> <p>(6) a parcel of land comprising 0.0200 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Satnarine Seebaran a/c Seetal;</p> <p>(7) a parcel of land comprising 0.0211 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Lisa Ramdeen, Ramharrack Seebaran and others;</p> <p>(8) a parcel of land comprising 0.0233 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Cameron Samodee and others;</p> <p>(9) a parcel of land comprising 0.2116 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Caroni (1975) Limited;</p> <p>(10) a parcel of land comprising 0.2826 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Ramdial Balgobin;</p> <p>(11) a parcel of land comprising 0.2953 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Caroni (1975) Limited;</p> <p>These parcels are more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a survey plan filed as AN181/54 in the vault of the Lands and Surveys Department, Old General Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.</p>	
<p>31. Ten parcels of land together containing 6.6773 hectares and 74.9 square metres more or less, situate at Savonetta, in the ward of Couva, in the county of Caroni, and described in the schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2001</p>	<p>The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of</p>

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<p>and filed in his office are required for a public purpose: The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p>Ten parcels of land together containing 6.6773 hectares and 74.9 square metres more or less, situate at Savonetta, in the ward of Couva, in the county of Caroni, and further described as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) six parcels of land together comprising 5.7817 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Caroni (1975) Limited;</li> <li>(2) a parcel of land comprising 0.0596 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Point Lisas Holdings;</li> <li>(3) three parcels of land of which two parcels together comprise 0.8360 hectares and one parcel comprise 74.9 square metres more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Point Lisas Industrial Port Development Corporation Limited.</li> </ol> <p>These parcels are more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a survey plan files as AN181/55 in the vault of the Lands and Surveys Department, Old General Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.</p>	<p>the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago</p>
<p>32. Twenty-seven parcels of land together containing 4.9238 hectares more or less, situate between Siparia Old Road and Ramnath Trace, San Francique, in the ward of Siparia, in the county of St. Patrick, and described in the schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2002 and filed in his office are required for a public purpose: The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago.</p>	<p>The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago</p>



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<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p>Twenty-seven parcel of land together containing 4.9238 hectares more or less, situate between Siparia Old Road and Ramnath Trace, San Francique, in the ward of Siparia, in the county of St. Patrick, and further described as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) a parcel of land comprising 0.4559 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Estate of Sooklal;</li> <li>(2) a parcel of land comprising 0.0236 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Ramesh Parasramsingh and Yandesh Parasramsingh;</li> <li>(3) a parcel of land comprising 0.4382 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Polly Chatoor and Ramesh Chatoor;</li> <li>(4) a parcel of land comprising 0.1780 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Boojawon;</li> <li>(5) a parcel of land comprising 0.0789 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Seeta Maharaj a/c Chandrowtee;</li> <li>(6) a parcel of land comprising 0.3019 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Seeta Maharaj a/c Chandrowtee;</li> <li>(7) a parcel of land comprising 0.3646 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Harnarayan Ramroopsingh a/c Harrinarine and Cynthia Ramroopsingh;</li> <li>(8) a parcel of land comprising 0.0268 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Estate of Norman Lutchman;</li> <li>(9) a parcel of land comprising 0.3693 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Anil Lutchman and others;</li> </ol>	

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(10) a parcel of land comprising 0.0630 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Charles Lutchman a/c Rooplal;	
(11) a parcel of land comprising 0.0968 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Charles Lutchman a/c Rooplal, Samuel Sooklal Lutchman and others;	
(12) a parcel of land comprising 0.0930 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Samuel Sooklal Lutchman, Barry Lutchman and others;	
(13) a parcel of land comprising 0.0255 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Kamille Lutchman and Keeratanie Lutchman;	
(14) a parcel of land comprising 0.3725 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Keeratanie Lutchman and Kamille Lutchman;	
(15) a parcel of land comprising 0.1789 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Bella Ramgattie, Sagar Ramgattee and others;	
(16) a parcel of land comprising 0.1328 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Jagdaye Sinanan, Lilwattie Sinanan and others;	
(17) a parcel of land comprising 0.1533 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Daniel Dinnoo;	
(18) a parcel of land comprising 0.5279 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Premier Consolidated Oilfields Limited;	
(19) a parcel of land comprising 0.1374 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Michael Hamel-Smith;	
(20) a parcel of land comprising 0.1464 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Premier Consolidated Oilfields Limited;	

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<p>(21) a parcel of land comprising 0.1450 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Premier Consolidated Oilfields Limited;</p> <p>(22) a parcel of land comprising 0.0009 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Premier Consolidated Oilfields Limited;</p> <p>(23) a parcel of land comprising 0.3322 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Premier Consolidated Oilfields Limited;</p> <p>(24) a parcel of land comprising 0.0393 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Premier Consolidated Oilfields Limited;</p> <p>(25) a parcel of land comprising 0.0689 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Premier Consolidated Oilfields Limited;</p> <p>(26) a parcel of land comprising 0.0685 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Zalina Mohammed a/c Halina and Zainab Ali;</p> <p>(27) a parcel of land comprising 0.1043 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Fayed Mohammed, Zainab Ali and others.</p> <p>These parcels are more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a survey plan filed as JD2/3 in the vault of the Lands and Surveys Department, Old Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.</p>	
<p>33. Twenty-two parcels of land together containing 3.6763 hectares more or less, situate between Ramnath Trace, San Francique and Doorbassa Trace, San Francique Road, Penal, in the ward of Siparia, in the county of St. Patrick, and described in the schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2001 and filed in his office are required for a public purpose: The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for</p>	<p>The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad</p>

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<p>the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p>Twenty-two parcel of land together containing 3.6763 hectares more or less, situate between Ramnath Trace, San Francique and Doorbassa Trace, San Francique Road, Penal, in the ward of Siparia, in the county of St. Patrick, and further described as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) a parcel of land comprising 0.0563 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Mahendra Gopie and others;</li> <li>(2) a parcel of land comprising 0.3208 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Ragbir Mathura;</li> <li>(3) a parcel of land comprising 0.0471 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Boodnee Bajnauth and Christendaye Singh;</li> <li>(4) a parcel of land comprising 0.1777 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Kathleen Tom and others;</li> <li>(5) a parcel of land comprising 0.1415 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Deoraj Ramasray and Boodhnee Ramasraj;</li> <li>(6) a parcel of land comprising 0.0222 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Estate of Rampersad Ramasray;</li> <li>(7) a parcel of land comprising 0.0033 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Ramish Rampersad and Kamloutie Rampersad;</li> <li>(8) a parcel of land comprising 0.2982 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Estate of Ramkissoon Harripersad;</li> </ol>	<p>and Tobago</p>

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(9) a parcel of land comprising 0.6671 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Rajendra Jamraj and Somaria Jamraj;	
(10) a parcel of land comprising 0.0382 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Santa Cecelia Limited;	
(11) a parcel of land comprising 0.1982 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Jean Lewis and others;	
(12) a parcel of land comprising 0.0611 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Balram Ramdial and Leelawatee Ramdial;	
(13) a parcel of land comprising 0.1827 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Harripersad Jagroop and Sookia Harripersad;	
(14) a parcel of land comprising 0.3449 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Kissoondaye Sooklal and Bhagirath Sooklal;	
(15) a parcel of land comprising 0.0994 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Dulcy Balgobin and others;	
(16) a parcel of land comprising 0.0804 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Joyce Persad and Frank Persad;	
(17) a parcel of land comprising 0.0904 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Savitri Ramkhalawan and Nila Michelle Partap;	
(18) a parcel of land comprising 0.2773 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Narace Siew saran;	
(19) a parcel of land comprising 0.1240 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Basdeo Ramsaran;	

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<p>(20) a parcel of land comprising 0.2737 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Michael Danny Persad and others;</p> <p>(21) a parcel of land comprising 0.0407 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Chankar Rambarose and others;</p> <p>(22) a parcel of land comprising 0.1311 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Harrilal Ramnanan.</p> <p>These parcels are more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a survey plan filed as JD2/4 in the vault of the Lands and Surveys Department, Old Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.</p> <p>34. Twenty-one parcels of land together containing 3.7337 hectares more or less, situate between Doorbassa Trace, San Francique Road, Penal and the Oropouche Channel, Woodland, in the ward of Siparia, in the county of St. Patrick, and described in the schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2001 and filed in his office are required for a public purpose: The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p>Twenty-one parcels of land together containing 3.7337 hectares more or less, situate between Doorbassa Trace, San Francique Road, Penal and the Oropouche Channel, Woodland, in the ward of Siparia, in the county of St. Patrick, and further described as follows:</p> <p>(1) a parcel of land comprising 0.1561 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Pooran Bejai;</p> <p>(2) a parcel of land comprising 0.1159 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Steve Gowrie;</p>	<p>The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago</p>

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(3) a parcel of land comprising 0.4626 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Balraj Ramnanan and Sherry Ann Ramnanan;	
(4) a parcel of land comprising 0.1180 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Rambali Deonanan;	
(5) a parcel of land comprising 0.2053 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Kesraj Seegobin and others;	
(6) a parcel of land comprising 0.3200 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Kayso Seegobin and others;	
(7) a parcel of land comprising 0.1183 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Sookhia Sirjoo and Rajindra Sirju;	
(8) a parcel of land comprising 0.1126 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Ramdath Badal;	
(9) a parcel of land comprising 0.4812 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Ramdath Badal and Ramlagan;	
(10) a parcel of land comprising 0.2298 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Ramnarace Raghunath Singh and others;	
(11) a parcel of land comprising 0.0041 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Ramnarace Raghunath Singh and others;	
(12) a parcel of land comprising 0.1620 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Gobin Ragoonath Singh;	
(13) a parcel of land comprising 0.0721 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Gobin Ragoonath Singh;	

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<p>(14) a parcel of land comprising 0.2105 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Ragoonath Singh;</p> <p>(15) a parcel of land comprising 0.0135 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Ragoonath Singh;</p> <p>(16) a parcel of land comprising 0.1070 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Capildeo Ragoonath Singh and Naipaul C. Singh;</p> <p>(17) a parcel of land comprising 0.1137 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Capildeo Ragoonath Singh and Nailpaul C. Singh;</p> <p>(18) a parcel of land comprising 0.1037 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Rookmin Neebar and Seeram Neebar;</p> <p>(19) a parcel of land comprising 0.0764 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Ramnarace Neebar and others;</p> <p>(20) a parcel of land comprising 0.1675 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Sampateah and others;</p> <p>(21) a parcel of land comprising 0.3834 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Nirbhay Beharry.</p> <p>These parcels are more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a survey plan filed as JD2/5 in the vault of the Lands and Surveys Department, Old Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.</p>	
<p>35. Four parcels of land together containing 1.0528 hectares more or less, situate at Gandhi Village, Debe, in the ward of Naparima, in the county of Victoria, and described in the Schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2001</p>	<p>The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the</p>



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<p>and filed in his office are required for a public purpose: The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p>Four parcels of land together containing 1.0528 hectares more or less, situate at Gandhi Village, Debe, in the ward of Naparima, in the county of Victoria, and further described as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) a parcel of land comprising 0.2954 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Ameer Mohammed;</li> <li>(2) a parcel of land comprising 0.2980 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Soomaria Ramlochan;</li> <li>(3) a parcel of land comprising 0.1797 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Ramnarine Sinanan and others;</li> <li>(4) a parcel of land comprising 0.2797 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Toolsieram Swarath and Bain Swarath.</li> </ol> <p>These parcels are more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a survey plan filed as JD2/6 in the vault of the Lands and Surveys Department, Old Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.</p>	<p>Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago</p>
<p>36. Six parcels of land together containing 3.2896 hectares more or less, situate at Gandhi Village, Debe, in the ward of Naparima, in the county of Victoria, and described in the schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2001 and filed in his office are required for a public purpose: The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines</p>	<p>The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural</p>

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<p>for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p>Six parcels of land together containing 3.2896 hectares more or less, situate at Gandhi Village, Debe, in the ward of Naparima, in the county of Victoria, and further described as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) a parcel of land comprising 0.1747 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Harrydur Sookraj and others;</li> <li>(2) a parcel of land comprising 0.3425 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Mahabir Pollard and others;</li> <li>(3) a parcel of land comprising 0.0094 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Samdaye Chaitram and Mootilal Chaitram;</li> <li>(4) a parcel of land comprising 0.0333 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Sham Shair Boodoo;</li> <li>(5) a parcel of land comprising 0.0658 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Ramlakhan Persad and Dularie Ramlakhan Persad;</li> <li>(6) a parcel of land comprising 2.6639 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Caroni (1975) Limited.</li> </ol> <p>These parcels are more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a survey plan filed as JD2/7 in the vault of the Lands and Surveys Department, Old Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.</p>	<p>Gas Industry of Trinidad</p>
<p>37. Nine parcels of land together containing 5548.1 square metres more or less, situate off Vesprey Road, Guayaguayare, in the ward of Guayaguayare, in the county of Mayaro, and described in the schedule and coloured raw</p>	<p>The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines</p>

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<p>sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2002 and filed in his office are required for a public purpose: The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p>Nine parcels of land together containing 5548.1 square metres more or less, situate off Vesprey Road, Guayaguayare, in the ward of Guayaguayare, in the county of Mayaro, and further described as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) a parcel of land comprising 106.2 square metres more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Jeanette Doodhai;</li> <li>(2) a parcel of land comprising 330.4 square metres more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Francis Hyndman, Edgar Hyndman and Fitzroy Hyndman;</li> <li>(3) a parcel of land comprising 584.4 square metres more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Francis Hyndman, Edgar Hyndman and Fitzroy Hyndman;</li> <li>(4) a parcel of land comprising 138.1 square metres more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Edgar Hyndman;</li> <li>(5) a parcel of land comprising 247.2 square metres more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Hypolitus Cyprien;</li> <li>(6) a parcel of land comprising 237.9 square metres more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Hypolitus Cyprien;</li> <li>(7) a parcel of land comprising 244.0 square metres more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Edgar Hyndman;</li> </ol>	<p>for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago</p>

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<p>(8) a parcel of land comprising 437.2 square metres more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Ophelia La Foucade;</p> <p>(9) a parcel of land comprising 3222.7 square metres more or less, said to belong now or formerly to East Coast Drilling and Workover Services.</p> <p>These parcels are more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a survey plan filed as JD2/8 in the vault of the Lands and Surveys Department, Old Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.</p> <p>38. Three parcels of land together containing 0.8317 hectares more or less, situate at Harkins Canal, Woodland, in the ward of Siparia, in the county of St. Patrick, and described in the schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2001 and filed in his office are required for a public purpose: The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p>Three parcels of land together containing 0.8317 hectares more or less, situate at the Harkins Canal, Woodland, in the ward of Siparia, in the county of St. Patrick, and further described as follows:</p> <p>(1) a parcel of land comprising 0.2551 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Deonarine Ramlal;</p> <p>(2) a parcel of land comprising 0.5118 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Deoraj Ramasray and Boodhnee Ramasraj;</p> <p>(3) a parcel of land comprising 0.0648 hectares more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Samai Ram.</p>	<p>The laying of the Natural Gas Pipelines for the Development of the Natural Gas Industry of Trinidad and Tobago</p>

DESCRIPTION OF LAND	PUBLIC PURPOSES FOR WHICH TO BE ACQUIRED
These parcels are now particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a survey plan as AN181/31 in the vault of the Lands and Surveys Department, Old General Post Office, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.	

#### ADJOURNMENT

**The Minister of Public Administration and Information (Sen. The Hon. Dr. Lenny Saith):** I beg to move that the Senate be now adjourned to Tuesday, November 15, 2005 at 1.30 p.m.

Mr. Vice-President, at that time we will deal with Bills Nos. 1 and 2 on the Order Paper: An Act to amend the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, Chap. 4:01 and an Act to amend the Family Proceedings Act, 2005.

*Question put and agreed to.*

*House adjourned accordingly.*

*Adjourned at 5.34 p.m.*

#### WRITTEN ANSWER TO QUESTION Water and Sewerage Authority (Details of)

- 5. Sen. Wade Mark** asked the Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment:
- (a) Could the Minister provide this Senate with a detailed breakdown of the names and addresses of all the residential or commercial, industrial and other charitable users owing the \$500 million plus arrears to the Water and Sewerage Authority as at September 30, 2005; and
  - (b) Could the Minister further provide this Senate with details on the sums of money owed by each residential, commercial and industrial customer as well as each charitable organization (customer) to the Water and Sewerage Authority as at September 2005?

**The Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment (Hon. Penelope Beckles):** The disclosure of information with respect to the breakdown of the names, addresses, and sums of money owed to the Water and Sewerage Authority

by its residential or commercial, charitable users and industrial customers, as at September 30 2005, would amount to an infringement of a person's constitutional right to respect for his/her private life as guaranteed under section 4(c) of the Constitution.

Further, such disclosures would also be unlawful under section 3 of the Freedom of Information Act, 1999 because certain personal information, including a person's name and address or information relating to financial transactions in which the person has been involved, are exempted from disclosure by virtue of sections 3 and 4 of the Act. Thus the names and addresses of customers and the individual amount of moneys owed by each customer would not be disclosed, since disclosure would constitute an invasion of individuals' private rights.

However, the aggregate number of customers and the aggregate amount of money owed by each group of customers is provided in the table below:

Customer Category	No. of Customers	Amount owed to WASA as at September 2005 (\$)
Residential	322,469	385,567,383.79
Commercial	6,613	90,116,302.74
Industrial	542	33,761,883.60
Charitable Organizations	1,513	1,789,643.53
TOTAL	331,137	511,235,213.66