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ENERGY MINISTER VISITS OCEAN LEXINGTON DRILLING RIG

Minister of Energy and Energy Affairs, Senator the Honourable Kevin Ramnarine today visited the Ocean Lexington Semi-Submersible drilling rig, which is one of the six rigs currently in the waters of Trinidad and Tobago. He was accompanied by Acting Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Energy and Energy Affairs, Selwyn Lashley, Executive Vice President of BG Group, Sami Iskander and President of BGTT, Garvin Goddard.

The Ocean Lexington is owned and operated by Diamond Offshore and is here to drill for Centrica, Niko Resources and BGTT. The overall drilling campaign is expected to last at least two (2) years in the first instance. Prior to its arrival in Trinidad and Tobago, the Ocean Lexington operated in Brazil. The Minister was also informed that a number of local energy service companies have already been engaged to supply services to the Ocean Lexington.

The work of the Ocean Lexington and other rigs will ensure that Trinidad and Tobago continues to develop its natural gas reserves. This will ensure deliverability of natural gas to industries such as the petrochemical sector in Point Lisas and the LNG industry in the coming years.

The level of activity in the upstream sector has significantly increased compared to three years ago. This is having a positive impact on the demand for energy services and levels of optimism in the energy sector.

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PHOTO CAPTIONS:

- 1) Minister of Energy and Energy Affairs, Kevin Ramnarine, greets crew members onboard the Ocean Lexington drilling rig.

- 2) Minister of Energy and Energy Affairs, Kevin Ramnarine, with Ocean Lexington drilling rig in the background.
- 3) Minister of Energy and Energy Affairs, Kevin Ramnarine, with BG Group Executive Vice President Sami Iskander at BG T&T Chag Base.

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