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Ministry of Energy & Energy Affairs directs National Quarries Company Limited to terminate quarrying near Asa Wright Nature Centre

The Ministry of Energy and Energy Affairs has directed the National Quarries Company Limited (NQCL) to immediately terminate quarrying operations near to the Asa Wright Nature Centre.

The directive comes on the heels of a visit by the Minister of Energy and Energy Affairs Senator the Honourable Kevin Ramnarine to the Centre last Friday.

In a letter today by acting Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Energy and Energy Affairs, Mr. Richard Oliver, the NQCL was directed to:

- *Terminate quarrying operations on the northern face of the ridge and
- *Re-afforest the slope with immediate effect.

The instructions were given based on the negative impact of the Phase II quarrying activities on the northern face of the slope at the NQCL Verdant Vale quarry site in Blanchisseuse.

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