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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## <u>Trinidad and Tobago Discusses Energy and Skills Training with</u> Equatorial Guinea at CARICOM Heads Meeting

Minister of Energy and Energy Affairs, Kevin Ramnarine and Minister of Tertiary Education and Skills Training, Fazal Karim met with the Prime Minister of Equatorial Guinea, Vicente Ehate Tomi at the Trinidad Hilton on July 6, 2013. Accompanying the Minister of Energy was President of Phoenix Park Gas Processors Limited (PPGPL), Eugene Tiah and Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Energy, Selwyn Lashley. The visit of the Prime Minister was part of the wider meeting of Caricom heads.

Discussions centred on co-operation in the fields of energy, skills development and training. Minister Ramnarine noted that Trinidad and Tobago and Equatorial Guinea were members of the Gas Exporting Countries Forum and shared cordial relations at that level. Possible areas of energy co-operation discussed were the refining of crude oil from Equatorial Guinea in Trinidad and Tobago and co-operation and co-ordination in the LNG business. PPGPL is also interested in potential investments in Equatorial Guinea in the area of natural gas processing.

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Minister Karim noted that Trinidad and Tobago, through the National Energy Skills Centre, had

already trained over 300 Nigerian nationals in energy skills and would be interested in

expanding its offering to include other African countries including Equatorial Guinea. The

Minister noted that there was significant capacity in Trinidad and Tobago for skills development

in the energy sector.

It was agreed that a technical delegation from Equatorial Guinea would shortly visit Trinidad

and Tobago to follow up on matters discussed with both Government Ministers.

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Photograph caption: Energy Minister Kevin Ramnarine meets Prime Minister of Equatorial

Guinea, Vicente Ehate Tomi along with Tertiary Education and Skills Training Minister, Fazal

Karim and other officials.

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