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PETROTRIN OIL SPILL IMPACTS VENEZUELA

The Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries (MEEI) has been monitoring the response of Petrotrin to the oil spill which occurred on April 23, 2017 from Tank 70 in the Point-a-Pierre Refinery.

The National Oil Spill Contingency Plan (NOSCP) was activated to a Tier 2 level (which allowed for maximum use of in country resources) on April 24, 2017 and the MEEI is employing the Incident Management System to manage this spill in coordination with PETROTRIN and other Government Agencies such as the EMA, OSHA, TTCG and TTAG in accordance with the NOSCP.

In addition to containment, recovery and clean-up activities, the management of the spill included tracking its trajectory via computer based models complemented by daily aerial and marine surveys. These surveys indicated movement of the spill in a westerly direction towards the T&T/Venezuelan maritime boundary.

The MEEI initiated the activation of the T&T/ Venezuela Bilateral Oil Spill Plan via diplomatic channels through the Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs and at the operational level with officials of Petr leos de Venezuela, S.A. (PDVSA).

The Venezuelan authorities conducted counterpart daily aerial surveys which confirmed initial sightings of oil in Venezuelan waters on April 27, 2017.

We have today, April 30, 2017, been informed by the officials of PDVSA that oil has reached the eastern coast of Venezuela in the vicinity of Guiria. The Venezuelan officials are currently

treating with the oil and impacted areas and continue to communicate and collaborate closely with the MEEI and Petrotrin who stand ready and available to provide any assistance required.

Daily monitoring and reporting on oil spill response efforts both in Trinidad & Tobago and in Venezuela will continue in accordance with established protocols and the public will be advised on any further developments accordingly.

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