



Prime Minister Dr Keith Rowley is accompanied by Shell Trinidad's Country Chairman Derek Hudson, left, to a meeting at Shell's Houston headquarters, yesterday.
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PM hears of Shell's progress in T&T

Prime Minister's Dr Keith Rowley yesterday heard of the progress Royal Dutch Shell had made to increase its natural gas production out of the Starfish field and work that is "ongoing aimed at ensuring continued and increased production."

Rowley and his team visited Shell's Woodcreek Campus in Houston yesterday and according to a release from the Office of the Prime Minister, Rowley engaged with Shell executives for a follow-up on discussions held last week during a visit to Shell's offices in The Hague and Amsterdam.

Among the executives with whom Rowley and his delegation met were Executive Vice Presi-

dent of Shell's Integrated Gas Venture business, De La Rey Venter, Vice President and Country Chairman of Shell T&T Derek Hudson, and Chief Operating Officer Shell T&T Eugene Okpere.

Presentations made during this working visit highlighted the significant increase in gas production from the Starfish field. The company faced challenges, after the initial Starfish start-up did not produce as first anticipated.

The presentations also focused on Shell's assets in the East and North Coast Marine Area, exploration, near-term and delivered projects.

The Business Guardian (BG) reported on May 16, that the Government is depending on Royal

Dutch Shell to extend the life of Atlantic LNG's Train 1.

According to sources, the government's negotiators found the terms of Shell's proposed marketing and development plan for the two blocks that could produce the required gas does not give enough financial returns to the country.

The BG report asserted that Sources at Shell said the company wants to produce up 350 million standard cubic feet of gas from its Block 5c and 5d, which are close to each to each other and can be easily connected back to the Dolphin platform.

The Prime Minister will meet with high-level executives from EOG Resources and BHP, today, June 4, 2019.

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