

CGCL ships inaugural loadout of methanol from Port of Brighton in La Brea



The MT Trans Catalonia, which shipped the inaugural loadout of methanol from Caribbean Gas Chemical Limited, from the Port of Brighton, La Brea, on Monday 28th September 2020. (Image courtesy CGCL)

Caribbean Gas Chemical Limited (CGCL) has successfully shipped its first loadout of methanol from the Port of Brighton, La Brea, on Monday 28th September 2020—an historic event in Trinidad and Tobago’s energy history.

This cargo of methanol was produced by CGCL, which is located at Union Industrial Estate, La Brea, an industrial estate owned by National Energy Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago Limited, a subsidiary of NGC—the National Gas Company.

An official release from CGCL notes that traditionally, methanol has only been shipped from the Port of Point Lisas, Point Lisas Industrial Estate, where petrochemical plants are located. However, having the development of port and marine facilities at the Port of Brighton opens up new opportunities for energy shipping in this country.



The inaugural loadout of methanol from the Port of Brighton, La Brea.

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According to NGC President Mr. Mark Loquan:

“NGC remains focussed on expanding its business along the energy value chain and continues to play a pivotal role in the development of our nation’s energy sector. We have diversified our core business from what was traditionally considered midstream, to both the upstream and downstream of the gas value chain.”

The Port of Brighton is owned and operated by NGC subsidiary, La Brea Industrial Development Company Limited (LABIDCO).

CGCL is a joint venture enterprise with NGC (one of the equity investors), and is a locally registered and operated company formed to oversee the project development stage of the Complex.



The MT Trans Catalonia sails away from the Port of Brighton, La Brea, on Monday 28th September 2020, with the inaugural loadout of methanol from Caribbean Gas Chemical Limited. (Image courtesy CGCL)

CGCL reports that the inaugural loadout of methanol was loaded to the vessel, MT Trans Catalonia.

The MT Trans Catalonia had anchored in Trinidad waters on Sunday 27th September 2020 before departing anchorage at 6am on Monday 28th September 2020. The vessel was accompanied by two National Energy tugs, to make its way to Berth 2 of the Port of Brighton, located at the La Brea Industrial Estate. Once safely moored, CGCL in conjunction with LABIDCO prepared for and began loading operations.