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## [UPDATED] BPTT starts work on Matapal, first gas expected 2022

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*BPTT Matapal Photo courtesy BPTT – BPTT*

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Matapal is a subsea development comprising three wells that tie back into the existing Juniper platform. Matapal will deliver gas into the Trinidad gas market from resources discovered by the

Savannah exploration well drilled in 2017. It's on track for first gas in 2022.

The development will have a production capacity of 400 million standard cubic feet per day (mmscfd). Hydrocarbons from Matapal will be transported to the Juniper platform via two nine kilometre flexible flowlines.

The drilling for Matapal started on October 8 and is being done by the Maersk Discoverer, a semi-submersible rig which arrived in Trinidad on September 3. The Matapal project is located approximately 80 kilometres off the south-east coast of Trinidad; the Matapal field is located approximately eight kilometres east of Juniper, in 163 metres of water depth.

The project is both greenfield and brownfield, with the majority of brownfield fabrication being completed locally.

A greenfield project means one that is new, with facilities built from scratch; brownfield projects are ones that were bought or leased with existing facilities.

BPTT president Claire Fitzpatrick said Matapal is an important part of BPTT's portfolio to continue to underpin the company's existing gas contracts. "This is BPTT's second subsea development in Trinidad and the spudding of this well is a key milestone as we work toward first gas in 2022."

Last week, the company announced the safe start-up of the Galeota Expansion project, which had been under construction since late 2016 and started up on September 28 this year. The company said the expansion project was a milestone.

The Galeota Terminal is core to BPTT's operations and processes hydrocarbon liquids produced from its 15 offshore facilities, as well as from other upstream producers. The terminal began operations in 1972 and the upgrade and expansion will ensure it is able to continue for the next 20 years.

The new facility will restore the Terminal's capacity to process 20,000 barrels per day of condensate.

## **MASSY GROUP DIVESTS**

In an unrelated business development, the Massy Group has divested its eponymous tech companies in Trinidad and Guyana, selling them to PBS Technology Group Ltd, a subsidiary of Jamaican conglomerate, the Musson Group.

In a notice to shareholders, posted on its website, Massy said on September 30 it sold Massy Technologies (Trinidad) Ltd and Massy Technologies (Guyana) Ltd to PBS.

Although the sale of this business represents a divestment of a small percentage (three per cent) of the Massy Group's total assets, it means that Massy has exited its information technology and communications business.

Massy's foray into the mass communications business with Massy Communications (formerly Three Sixty Communications), providing high speed internet via fibre optic cables, telecoms and TV services, ended in 2017, just about a year after it launched its high speed internet service.

It sold the business to TSTT for \$250 million, which rebranded it to Amplia in 2018.

*This story has been adjusted to include additional details. See original post below.*

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