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## **MINISTER YOUNG CONDUCTS ORTOIRE BLOCK SEISMIC SURVEY WITH TOUCHSTONE EXPLORATION INC**

The Minister of Energy and Energy Industries and Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister, the Honourable Stuart R. Young, M.P. and his MEEI team braved the elements yesterday to visit the Ortoire Block via an invitation from Touchstone Exploration Inc to conduct a seismic survey.

Donned in PPE, the Honourable Minister met with the Touchstone Exploration Manager, Mr. Xavier Moonan who provided a summary of the geology of the area and seismic acquisition design.

The Minister then accompanied the Seismic Party Chief, Mr. Kapil Ramlal to make a test hole ‘live’ (which was part of the seismic survey), where the team witnessed the detonation impact. Following which, Minister Young visited the Recording Truck (vicinity of Mora Drip Station Road) to view the seismic data and trigger a seismic shot within the survey line 040. The anticipated Royston 1 Well which is to be spud later this month, bisects this active seismic line.

Touchstone Exploration staff then led the Minister and his entourage along the Rio Claro Guayaguayare Road to Poole Valley and onto the Cascadura and Chinook discovery well-sites where Touchstone Exploration General Manager of Operations, Christopher George gave a quick tour of both sites, detailing ongoing and upcoming operations.

Following the tour of Cascadura and Chinook, Minister Young and his team were then led to the COHO well-site where the General Manager of Operations gave a quick tour of the facility, detailing ongoing and upcoming operations.

The COHO gas field is expected to produce approximately 10mmscf/d into the domestic gas to NGC from as early as August 2021.

Minister Stuart Young expressed his satisfaction in what he viewed on the tour and gave his commitment to working with Touchstone Exploration for the betterment and enhancement of the Energy Sector.

For more information please contact Senior Communications Officer, Mr. Choy Felix at [cfelix@energy.gov.tt](mailto:cfelix@energy.gov.tt).



Minister of Energy and Energy Industries and Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister, the Honourable Stuart Young being briefed by Touchstone Exploration Manager, Jael Naila Ramjugsingh



Minister Young deep in energy discussions



Touchstones Exploration team has a group shot with Minister Young



Touchstone Exploration Manager, Jael Naila Ramjugsingh briefs Minister on the Cascadura and Chinook well-sites



The Minister and the Seismic Party Chief make a test hole 'live' where the team witnessed the detonation impact.



Conversations with the Minister



Minister Young poses in PPE



Minister Young and team surveying the site



Minister Young receives a token from Touchstone



Minister and team poses in front of the Cascadura well-site