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**SWMCOL Partners with NGC to Use Landfill Gas Emissions**

The Trinidad and Tobago Solid Waste Management Company Limited (SWMCOL) is partnering with the National Gas Company, and two of its subsidiaries, National Energy and NGC CNG, to capture and utilise the landfill gas emitted by the Forres Park landfill. Today, at the Ministry of Public Utilities' Head Office, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the State Agencies to facilitate implementation of the joint venture.

The function was attended by Minister of Public Utilities, the Hon. Marvin Gonzales; Minister of Energy and Energy Industries and Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister, the Hon. Stuart R. Young; Chairman of the NGC Group of Companies, Mr Conrad Enill; Chairman of the Trinidad and Tobago Solid Waste Management Company Limited (SWMCOL), Mr Ronald Milford; and other members of the Executive Management teams of the stakeholder Agencies.

In his feature address, Minister Gonzales noted the many benefits – from a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions to the potential for revenue generation – of the partnership, not just for the relevant State Agencies but at the national, regional and global levels.

“This initiative,” he said, “is a prime example of Government’s strategy to achieve economic and environmental sustainability by promoting the circular economy. In this case, that goal will be realised by utilising the gas emitted by the waste in our landfills, to produce a valued product.”

The Public Utilities Minister also used the opportunity to announce his Ministry’s intention to finalize the Revised Integrated Solid Waste Management Policy for Trinidad and Tobago over the next few months. The revised policy will envision SWMCOL taking the lead as the Government Agency responsible for the Solid Waste Sector, with the aim of leveraging opportunities to improve its financial viability.



Minister of Public Utilities, the Hon. Marvin Gonzales; Minister of Energy and Energy Industries and Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister, the Hon. Stuart R. Young at the MOU signing of The Trinidad and Tobago Solid Waste Management Company Limited (SWMCOL) partnering with the National Gas Company, and two of its subsidiaries, National Energy and NGC CNG, to capture and utilise the landfill gas emitted by the Forres Park landfill



Minister Young giving his feature address

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