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INCIDENT AT NORTH FIELD GULF OF PARIA

UPDATE #1 Wednesday 30th November 2022 at 1:17pm

The Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries wishes to inform that, this morning, around 8:30 am, a barge called the Liftboat Daniela owned by Trinity Liftboat Services Limited which was located in the Heritage Petroleum Company Limited's (HPCL's) North Field, Gulf of Paria at about 10 50.5 N 061 52.367 W was apparently attempting to demobilize from its location. However, in the process of demobilizing the barge capsized and sank to the seafloor. Six (6) persons were on board at the time of the incident and all were removed and accounted for. At the time, the barge was not contracted by HPCL.

At this time, response efforts are being led by the owner of the vessel, Trinity Liftboat Services Limited. The focus is now on salvage and ensuring that during this process there are no oil spills. There are about 900 barrels of diesel fuel on board the vessel, Oil spill response equipment is on standby in the event a spill response is required.

The Environmental Management Authority, ODPM, OSHA, Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard, and Maritime Services Division have all been informed.

The Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries is currently monitoring this situation and HPCL is providing assistance as necessary.

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