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**MINISTER MOONILAL LEADS PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AGGREGATE PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION**

On 3rd June 2026, Dr the Honourable Roodal Moonilal, Minister of Energy and Energy Industries along with the Honourable Ernesto Kesar, Minister in the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries, Mrs Ava Mahabir-Dass, Permanent Secretary (Ag.) at the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries and Mr. Monty Beharry, Director of Minerals, met with representatives of the Trinidad and Tobago Aggregate Producers Association (TTAPA).

The representatives of the Trinidad and Tobago Aggregate Producers Association (TTAPA) present at the meeting were, Mr Nigel Tenia, President; Mr Sean Maharaj, Director; and Mr Bevon Cook, Director.

At the meeting the parties discussed the hold-over letters issued by the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries (MEEI) to quarry operators. The TTAPA welcomed the issuance of the hold-over letters under the terms and conditions that allow for the continuity of the validity of the operators' licences as it facilitates clarity and transparency within the mining industry. Further to this both parties agreed to a framework that ensures that new applicants meet the statutory requirements for mining licences.

In an effort to foster further dialogue on the matter with multiple stakeholder groups, the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries will be hosting an 'Open Day' at the end of June 2026 where all members of the Minerals Advisory Committee including the Environmental Management Authority (EMA), Water and Sewage Authority, Town and Country Planning Division and the Commissioner of State Lands will be available to meet with applicants to provide guidance and assistance with the completion of applications.

The meeting concluded with both representatives of the MEEI and TTAPA pledging their commitment to bringing clarity and transparency to the operations of the industry.

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Dr the Honourable Roodal Moonilal, Minister of Energy and Energy Industries and Mr Nigel Tenia, President TTAPA in discussions.



Dr the Honourable Roodal Moonilal, Minister of Energy and Energy Industries and the Honourable Ernesto Kesar, Minister in the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries in discussions with representatives of the TTAPA, Mr Nigel Tenia, President; Mr Sean Maharaj, Director; and Mr Bevon Cook, Director.