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SUPPLEMENT TO THIS ISSUE

THE DOCUMENT detailed hereunder has been issued and is published as a Supplement to this issue of the *Trinidad and Tobago Gazette*:
Legal Supplement Part B—

Petroleum Regulations (Onshore and Nearshore Competitive Bidding) Order, 2022—(Legal Notice No. 139 of 2022).

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APPOINTMENT TO ACT AS MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED for general information that Her Excellency the President, acting in accordance with the advice of the Acting Prime Minister, in exercise of the power vested in her by section 79(2) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, has appointed the HONOURABLE MARVIN GONZALES, a member of the House of Representatives who is a Minister, to act in the Office of the Honourable FITZGERALD HINDS, Minister of National Security, with effect from 26th June, 2022 and continuing during the absence from Trinidad and Tobago of the said the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P., in addition to the discharge of his normal duties.

C. JACKMAN-WALDRON
*Secretary to Her Excellency
the President*

24th June, 2022.

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APPOINTMENT TO ACT AS MINISTER OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND NATIONAL SERVICE

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED for general information that Her Excellency the President, acting in accordance with the advice of the Acting Prime Minister, in exercise of the power vested in her by section 79(2) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, has appointed SHAMFA CUDJOE, a member of the House of Representatives who is a Minister, to act in the office of the Honourable FOSTER CUMMINGS, Minister of Youth Development and National Service, with effect from 26th June, 2022 and continuing during the absence from Trinidad and Tobago of the Honourable Foster Cummings, in addition to the discharge of her normal duties.

C. JACKMAN-WALDRON
*Secretary to Her Excellency
the President*

24th June, 2022.

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APPOINTMENT TO BE TEMPORARILY A MEMBER OF THE SENATE

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED for general information that Her Excellency the President, acting in accordance with the advice of the Acting Prime Minister, in exercise of the power vested in her by section 44(1)(a) and section 44(4)(a) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, has appointed MICHAEL SEALES, to be temporarily a member of the Senate, with effect from 23rd June, 2022 and continuing during the absence from Trinidad and Tobago of Senator the Honourable ALLYSON WEST.

C. JACKMAN-WALDRON
*Secretary to Her Excellency
the President*

23rd June, 2022.



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs

REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 3(1) of the Registrar General Act, Chapter 19:03, the Registrar General has authorized the undermentioned officers of the Registrar General's Department to issue Certificates and to certify copies of any document received pursuant to:

- (a) The Companies Act, Chapter 81:01;
- (b) The Registration of Business Names Act, Chapter 82:85;
- (c) The Non-Profit Organisations Act, (No. 7 of 2019); and
- (d) The Newspapers Act, Chapter 20:01;

as well as authorization to affix the seal of the Registrar General to certificates and certified copies produced and issued pursuant to the above-mentioned pieces of legislation.

Name and Position	Date of Commencement of Authorization
Ms. Aisha Khrystal Cunningham Legal Officer 1	06th May, 2022
Ms. Simone Taviere-Lee Legal Officer 1	06th May, 2022

This authority continues for the period during which these officers perform the duties as aforesaid in the Registrar General's Department and may be revoked at anytime before the expiration thereof.

Dated this 18th day of May, 2022

Registrar General

Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
Public Statement of the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government
In compliance with
Section 7(4) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 1999

Reasons for the Failure to publish Public statements as required under the FOIA

The Minister of Rural Development and Local Government notes that where a Public Statement has not been published in accordance with Section 7 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 1999, the responsible Minister is required to provide reasons for the failure to publish, and to cause such reasons to be published in the Gazette.

The Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government currently has responsibility for fourteen (14) Municipal Corporations and two wholly owned state enterprises, the Rural Development Company of Trinidad and Tobago and CEPEP Company Limited, all of which have not published in the Gazette and a daily newspaper in circulation, an updated FOIA Public Statement in accordance with section 7 of the Act. Accordingly, the Minister conducted an investigation into the failure of these public authorities to publish their statements and proffers the following reasons for non-compliance in accordance with the requirements of section 7(4) of the FOIA.

The Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government conducted a diligent search of its records and found that its last FOIA Public Statement was published in the Trinidad and Tobago Gazette on October 13, 2006. Since then there have been no publications during the period 2007-2021, nor have any reasons been advanced by successive administrations for the Ministry's failure to comply.

The Ministry's records also revealed that during the intervening period and due to the exigencies of the service, the Ministry experienced a high turnover of staff in the administrative field due to numerous retirements, transfers, promotions and acting appointments within and outside the Ministry, all of which contributed to the lack of compliance, continuity and knowledge transfer within the department. Additionally, the disruption caused by the Public Health Regulations and Public Service guidelines consequent upon the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID 2019) and the ensuing pandemic, made it extremely difficult for the Ministry to effectively and efficiently discharge this function, given the implementation of Stay at Home Orders in 2020, the State of Emergency, mandatory closure of offices, staff rotation, infection rates and staff quarantine.

As it pertains to the Public Authorities under the remit of the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government, the reasons elicited for their failure is as follows:

	Public Authority	Year last statement published	Reasons for non-compliance
1	Port of Spain City Corporation	Never	No Information available
2	San Fernando City Corporation	Never	Unavailability of funding
3	Arima Borough Corporation	Never	Inadequate Staffing
4	Point Fortin Borough Corporation	2014	Administrative Oversight/ Limited Financial Resources
5	Couva /Tabaquite/ Talparo Regional Corporation	Never	Limited Financial Resources
6	Chaguanas Borough Corporation	2010	No information available
7	Diego Martin Regional Corporation	Never	Lack of personnel
8	Mayaro Rio Claro Regional Corporation	Never	Lack of approval for draft sent in 2011
9	Penal/ Debe Regional Corporation	Never	Administrative oversight
10	Princes Town Regional Corporation	Never	Financial constraints
11	San Juan/ Laventille Regional Corporation	Never	No information available
12	Sangre Grande Regional Corporation	Never	Lack of approval for draft sent in 2005
13	Siparia Regional Corporation	Never	No information available
14	Tunapuna/ Piarco Regional Corporation	Never	No information available
15	The CEPEP Company Limited	Never	Covid19 Pandemic, Staff related issues
16	The Rural Development Company of Trinidad and Tobago	2022	Public Health Regulations, Stay at Home Orders, rostering of staff

PUBLIC STATEMENT OF THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT—Continued

The explanations advanced by these public authorities for their failure to comply with the requirements of the FOIA, were extrapolated from their records as far as possible and included the general unfamiliarity of assigned staff with the obligations imposed by the FOIA, frequent staff changes, inadequate staffing, financial constraints and disruptions associated with the COVID19 Pandemic. It is also important to note that most of the sitting Chief Executive Officers were only appointed within the last five years and were devoid of critical institutional knowledge that could contribute to a more cogent explanation spanning the period of non-compliance.

Notably, upon full resumption of the Public Service on March 7, 2022, the public authorities under the Ministry's remit have been working assiduously to ensure that all outstanding statutory obligations under the FOIA are met. To this end, certain key measures have since been implemented within the Public Authorities under the Ministry's remit, to ensure that training and knowledge transfer is evident to facilitate continuous compliance with the requirements of the FOIA.

Accordingly, the Ministry sincerely apologises for the inconvenience caused by non-publication of the required Public Statement annually and assures that the 2022 statement for each public authority will be published at the earliest opportunity.

FARIS AL RAWI
MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT