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REGIONAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY CODE COMPLETION TO IMPACT TRADE

October 5, 2017:- ***“The CARICOM Regional Energy Efficiency Building Code (CREEBC) will create opportunities for trade. As new buildings are constructed and the economy grows, building codes and testing procedures will not only ensure energy-efficient construction, but they will also provide opportunities for T&T companies to export internationally certified materials to the Region.”*** stated Minister of Trade and Industry, Senator the Honourable Paula Gopee-Scoon at the Consultation on the Draft CARICOM Regional Energy Efficiency Building Code (CREEBC) on Wednesday October 4.

According to the Minister ***“the consultation is extremely important as direct feedback is being solicited to ensure that the national position is well-represented at the regional level and the final regional code is suitable for adoption in Trinidad and Tobago”.***

The Senior Planning Officer at the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries, Ms Anita Hankey, also emphasised the value of setting standards for energy efficient buildings. She stated that, ***“Energy efficiency offers a powerful and cost-effective tool for achieving a sustainable energy future. Improvements in energy efficiency can reduce the need for investment in energy infrastructure, cut energy bills, improve health, increase competitiveness and improve consumer welfare. The rationale for energy efficiency is threefold - increased environmental protection, increased social benefit and economic growth. Without a doubt, adopting energy efficient technologies saves money and frees energy resources for other economic ventures.”***



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The consultation was convened and co-ordinated by the Trinidad and Tobago Bureau of Standards (TTBS) under the purview of the Ministry of Trade and Industry to gather the views of the stakeholders in all impacted sectors on regional energy efficiency standards conceptualised at the CARICOM level. The TTBS' strategic plan is predicated on three broad themes including facilitating global competitiveness.

According to Mr Lawford Dupres, Chairman of the Board of Directors of TTBS, ***“Our efforts in the development and application of codes and standards is part of a much bigger mission which is the development of standards conscious society and creating a culture of quality. If we truly embrace energy efficiency and use renewable energy as national priorities we will in fact be paving the way for a more sustainable Trinidad and Tobago and the welfare of future generations.”***

The CARICOM Regional Energy Efficiency Building Code when completed in April 2018 will provide a mechanism for the reduction in energy consumption in buildings by setting acceptable standards.