



Media Release

GOVERNMENT FOCUSED ON REVITALIZING SOUTH TRINIDAD

21st September, 2018: - *“San Fernando now has some of the best retail spaces in the country,”* says the Minister of Trade and Industry Senator the Honourable Paula Gopee-Scoon. Speaking at the formal opening of Unicomer (Trinidad) Limited’s 100th location on September 19, 2018 at South Park, San Fernando the Minister highlighted several recent retail developments by the private sector in Southern Trinidad as examples of business expansion and investment.

The Minister lauded the Unicomer Group for opening a new location, so soon after commissioning its regional headquarters in Freeport. ***“The opening of this large footprint represents the confidence of the Unicomer Group in Trinidad and Tobago as a sound country with a stable economy and quality human resources. I want to thank Unicomer for the investment today since these decisions would have been taken at a time of economic challenges.”*** The Government through investment facilitation agency InvesTT supported the company’s expansion.

In her address the Minister also cited the recent announcement regarding Petrotrin. She stated that the Government remains determined to mitigate any adverse impacts from the fallout. ***“There is now focus on what might be called the revitalisation of San Fernando’s economy to minimise the impact.”*** Projects in La Brea, Couva and San Fernando and environs were highlighted as part of the state’s effort to support economic activity in the Southern districts of Trinidad.

Mr Errol Le Blanc, Unicomer Caribbean South Sub Region's Managing Director shared the organisation's journey in Trinidad which commenced with the first Courts store 27 years earlier. ***"...Our retail centre here at South Park represents a long term commitment to bringing value to our customers and communities across south Trinidad. This facility,"*** he said, ***"represents an amalgamation of our three most lucrative brands and a great network of international partnerships with some of the most progressive names in the retail sector."***

Mr Clive Fletcher Managing Director at Unicomer (Trinidad) Limited stated that ***"This is truly a turning point for us all... and I look forward to us building stronger bonds as we collectively commit to ensuring a bright future for us all here in Trinidad and Tobago."*** Unicomer employs 1000 persons in Trinidad and Tobago. The new South Park location reflects an investment of TT\$25M with sustained employment for 50 persons at the 31,500 square feet facility.

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