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MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY CONGRATULATES THE TTMA ON TRADE MISSION TO GUYANA – OCTOBER 03 TO 07, 2023

September 29, 2023:- The Ministry of Trade and Industry applauds the Trinidad and Tobago Manufacturers' Association (TTMA) on its planned Trade Mission to Guyana, which will take place during the period October 03 to 07, 2023.

This upcoming Mission will be the largest contingent of manufacturers visiting Guyana to date, and will comprise over forty-five (45) persons representing thirty-five (35) companies. The sectors that will be represented include Food and Beverage, Chemical, Construction, Household products, Agro-processing, Cargo and Services. The Mission will be led by Mr. Roger Roach, President of the TTMA, and representatives from exporTT Limited and Eximbank.

The Ministry of Trade and Industry notes that this will be the TTMA's third Trade Mission to Guyana. The first was held virtually in 2021 during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The second was held in March 2022 on the invitation of the President of Guyana during the TTMA's President's Dinner and Awards in November 2021, and comprised twenty-one (21) local manufacturers.

It is therefore encouraging to observe a progressive growth in the interest by local companies, as well as those in Guyana, to actively engage and explore trade partnering opportunities.

For the period 2018 – 2022, Trinidad and Tobago has been a net exporter to Guyana, with trade surpluses being recorded over the period. Guyana has consistently been a top market within CARICOM for Trinidad and Tobago's non-energy



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exports. In 2021, Guyana was the second largest destination for Trinidad and Tobago's total and non-energy exports. Bearing in mind the attractiveness of the Guyanese market, and with Guyana being a fellow CARICOM Member State, there is an abundance of opportunities that exist through the import and export of non-energy products between both countries.

The TTMA has executed several Trade Missions in 2023 to Grenada, the Dominican Republic, Suriname and St. Lucia as part of its mandate to expand exports both regionally and internationally.

The Ministry of Trade and Industry extends its best wishes to the TTMA and all participating companies and looks forward to the successes to be derived from this Trade Mission to Guyana.

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