



# Media Release

## TTBizLink LAUNCHES NEW E-SERVICES

**April 06, 2016:-** Senator the Honourable Paula Gopee-Scoon, Minister of Trade and Industry officially launched an expansion of TTBizLink's e- permits and licences module along with the introduction of the e-maritime services module and the e-utilities module on Wednesday 6 April, 2016 at the Trinidad Hilton and Conference Centre. This launch was a collaboration amongst several Ministries and Agencies which includes the Ministry of Health; Ministry of Public Utilities and the Ministry of Works and Transport.

In her Feature Address, Minister Gopee-Scoon stated that **'After three phases of development, and with more than 6,500 registered users, TTBizLink currently hosts 45 transactional e-services administered by 24 government departments across nine separate Ministries. It has substantially reduced the need to send duplicate and repetitive information to multiple agencies and has successfully improved information sharing among government agencies. Today's event introduces another three modules, which includes twenty-four applications in the areas of health, public utilities and maritime services. At the foundation of TTBizLink's success is collaboration—among several varied public and private sector Ministries, agencies and associations. TTBizLink also seeks to avoid duplication by utilizing existing systems, one example of which is the use of the authentication system via the TTConnectID'**

She added that **'Today's launch of new e-services will facilitate the efficient movement and sale of antibiotics, pesticides and toxic chemicals; the arrival and departure of marine vessels; as well as building development and plumbing approvals. Though unrelated, the economic well-being of any country is linked to many component parts including: the physical health of its population, the ease with which marine cargo can enter and exit, and how efficient and transparent the process is to develop commercial infrastructure. The Ministry of Trade and Industry is therefore pleased to collaborate and support the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Works and Transport and the Ministry of Public Utilities to see to it that government processes facilitate the needs and requirements of both the public and private sector'**

Mr. Norris Herbert, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Trade and Industry thanked the various Ministries for the continued collaboration stating that ***'the fruit of this collaboration will result in much needed improvements in the enabling environment in Trinidad and Tobago'*** He said that 'the TTBizLink platform will be further expanding its reach into areas that we are confident will further positively impact trade and business facilitation such as Mobile Inspections and Business Intelligence.'

Mr. Clint Ramcharan, Permanent Secretary, Works and Transport and Mr. Richard Madray, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health both congratulated the Ministry on the launch and reiterated their commitment to the collaboration to ensure the efficient delivery of services to customers.

Mrs. Charelle Joseph-Samaroo, SEW Specialist, Ministry of Trade and Industry in her presentation indicated that the TTBizLink platform seeks to focus on improving the ease of doing business and global competitiveness; increasing transparency; and further facilitating interconnectivity amongst Government Ministries.