

Dear Valued Member,

Upgrade of Fire Hydrants at e Teck's Legacy Light Industrial Parks

The Trinidad and Tobago Manufacturers' Association (TTMA) wishes to inform members of the completion of the project to upgrade of twelve (12) Fire Hydrants at Evolving TecKnologies and Enterprise Development Limited (e Teck's) Legacy Light Industrial Parks. The completion of this project highlights the importance of providing a robust fire extinguishing system to safeguard tenants and properties on e Teck's parks in the event of a fire. Other benefits of this project include, inter alia, the reduction of risks with fire safety and the allowance for tenants to obtain requisite certifications for their operations.

The Association applauds e Teck and the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) for this project since the TTMA has lobbied in the past for improvements in these Legacy Light Industrial Parks. These parks continue to be the catalyst for industrialization and economic development. They help put into place an infrastructure that fosters and attracts businesses of all scale and size. The development of these Parks will lead to expansion and growth of businesses and more specifically the non-energy manufacturing sector of the country, especially those in the SME sector.

TTMA also recognises the role of other organisations in the project including the Trinidad and Tobago Fire Services (TTFS); the Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA); Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission (T&TEC); and the National Gas Company (NGC) and so we wish to sincerely express our appreciation to these agencies for their significant contributions in bringing this project to fruition.

The Evolving TecKnologies and Enterprise Development Limited has informed the TTMA that the project involved the following key improvements including (1) servicing the existing functioning hydrants, (2) replacing the non-functioning hydrants with new units and (3) installing additional hydrants in strategic location. All these are welcomed initiatives that would safeguard the welfare of the business community on the Parks.

The twelve fire hydrants were installed at the following industrial parks: Biljah Light Industrial Park, Eats Dry River Light Industrial Park, Morvant Light Industrial Park, Chase Village Light Industrial Park, Frederick Settlement Light Industrial Park, Pt. Lisas Light Industrial Park, Debe Light Industrial Park, Harmony Hall Light Industrial Park, Point Fortin Light Industrial Park, Diamond Vale Light Industrial Park, O'Meara Light Industrial Park and Sea Lots Light Industrial Park.

The Association continues to look forward to the working with e Teck as both institutions share the mandate for growth of manufacturing sector and encourage the national diversification efforts.

Further, I wish to assure you, valued members that the TTMA would continue to make recommendations to the management of e Teck for the continued upgrades, security, facelift and other developments allowing for the optimal returns for the business community who occupy the space.