MAJOR DESILTING AND FLOOD ALLEVIATION PROGRAMME ACROSS TRINIDAD

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Phase 2 have been completed and include the construction of 180m of further alleviate flooding within the Port of Spain area. Designs for Phase 2 includes the construction of a secondary drainage system to which will control the flow and removal of water, based on tide levels. Where a detention pond was constructed at an elevated level above mean sea level. The detention pond will be outfitted with flap gates and pumps which will control the flow and removal of water, based on tide levels.

During the 2018/2019 period, the Ministry completed considerable works on the Port of Spain Flood Alleviation project. Phase 1 of the project included the construction of drainage channels which capture water flow from the bottom of Charlotte Street to Broadway Intersection, then from Broadway Intersection to the Cove, south of the Lighthouse where a detention pond was constructed at an elevated level above mean sea level.

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A SNAP SHOT OF SOME PROJECTS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

PORT OF SPAIN FLOOD ALLEVIATION PROJECT

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It also includes the installation of new drainage structures with flap gates at eight (8) sites. To date, embankment works have been completed on the north bank, both upstream and downstream of the ByPass Road Piarco for a distance of approximately 1500 metres. At Church Street, Kelly Village, 200m of berms and embankment works have also been completed. Works are currently ongoing at Sheldon Trace, St Helena, Caroni Village, Caroni and El Socorro South. In addition, the Ministry of Works and Transport is procuring three mobile pumps to further assist with flood alleviation within the area.

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