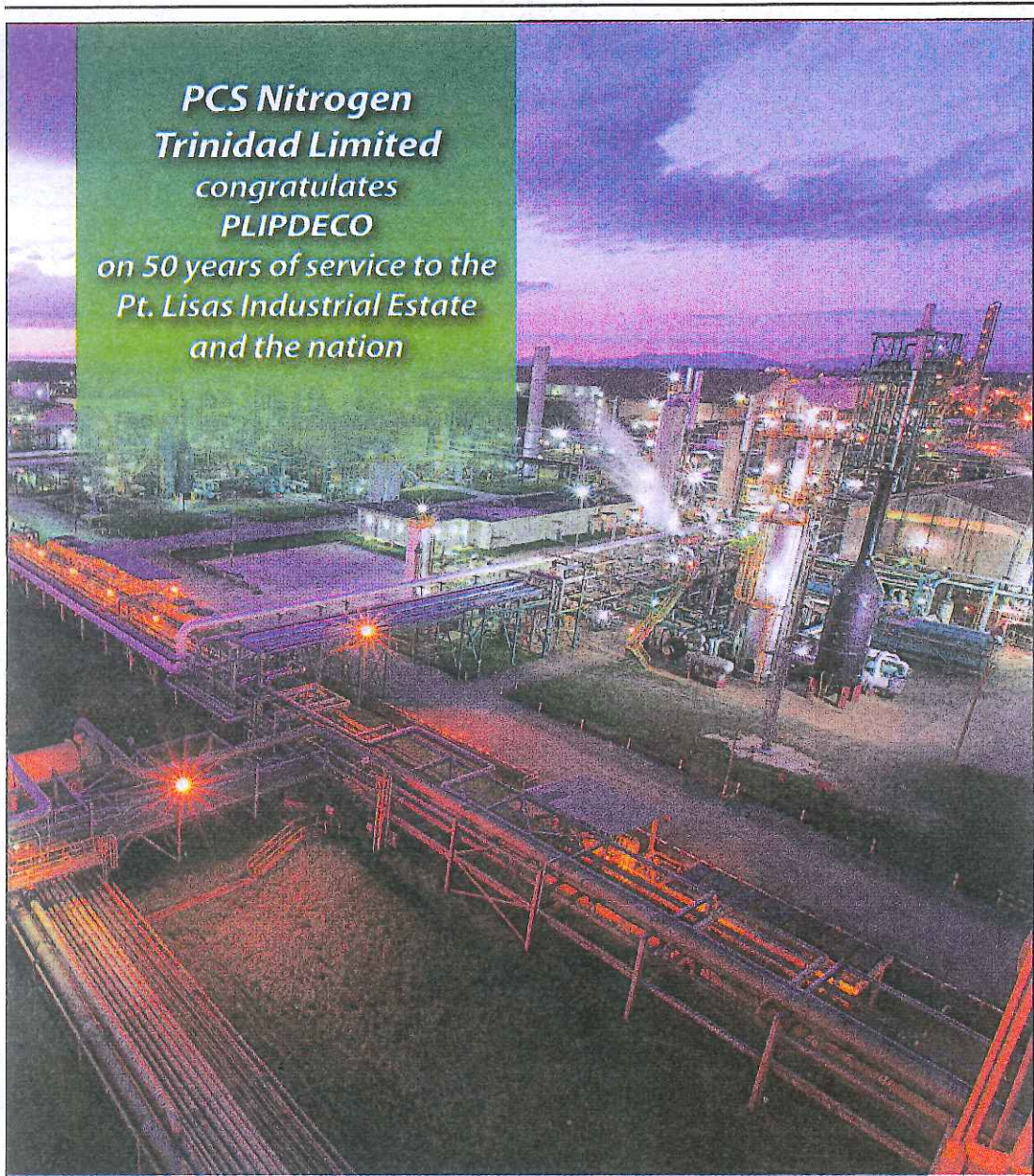
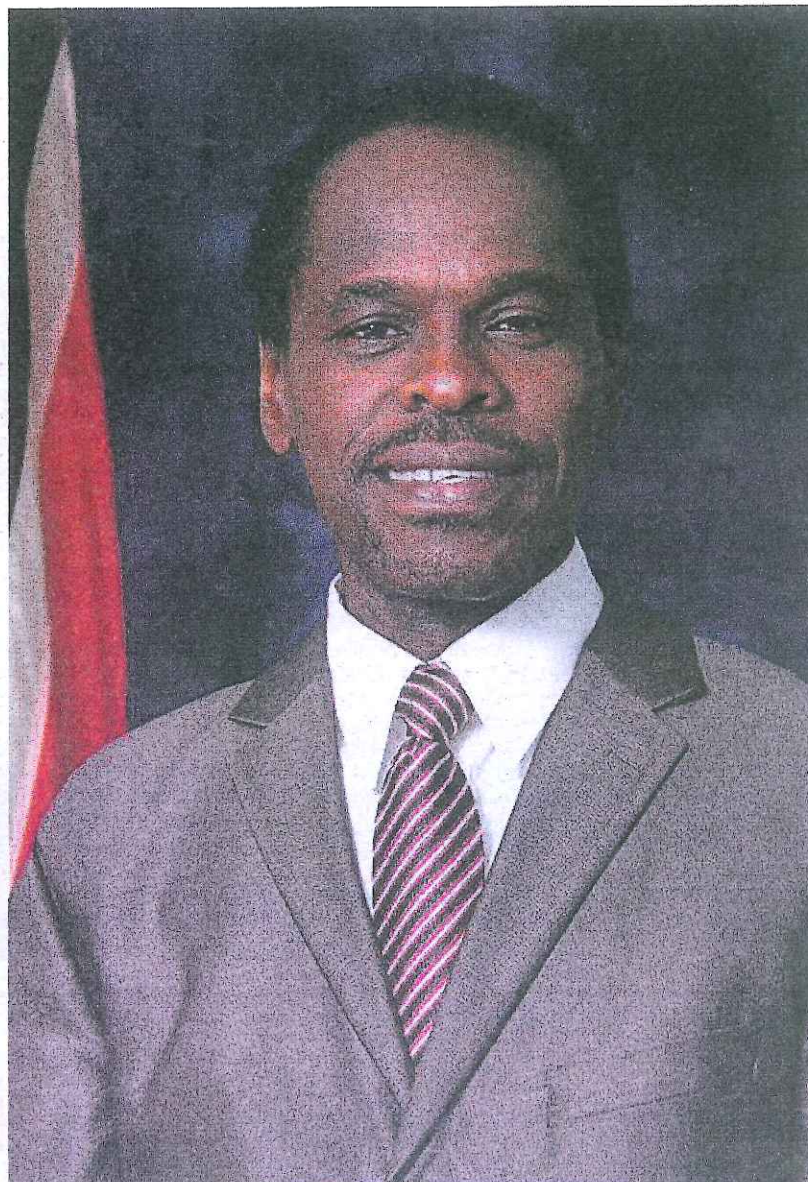


TRIBUTE FROM MINISTER OF
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**Honourable
 Fitzgerald Hinds, MP,**
**ON THE OCCASION OF
 PLIPDECO'S 50TH
 ANNIVERSARY**



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 congratulates
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As Minister of Works and Transport, I salute the Point Lisas Industrial Port Development Corporation Limited (PLIPDECO), on the observance of its 50th anniversary! Born out of an idea by the South Chamber of Industry and Commerce, now the Energy Chamber, just over five decades ago, underpinned by a vision to industrialise South Trinidad, PLIPDECO has had an admirable journey from concept to reality, to one of continuous expansion and improvement.

Today, the Point Lisas Industrial Estate, has developed into one of the region's leading industrial complexes, containing some of the world's leading petrochemical plants and related industries, and contributes significantly to the GDP of Trinidad and Tobago.

It has seen the creation of some world class industrial facilities with complementary and continuously developing port facilities. Today, PLIPDECO is internationally recognised on two fronts, namely, Industrial Estate Management and Port Operations.

PLIPDECO stands out as a major success story in Trinidad and Tobago's economic history. It propelled the development of a natural-gas based industry, which has played a major role in the transformation of Trinidad and Tobago. The Port, initially built to service the needs of a burgeoning industrial estate, now boasts a wider customer base, and is becoming a multi-purpose port of choice in Trinidad for many interna-

tional companies and ship operators.

The reputation of the Port of Point Lisas continues to exceed expectations, as it expands its services and invests in new facilities and equipment, with a view to attracting new customers. This expansion is designed to position the Port of Point Lisas to take advantage of any opportunities that may come its way through the expansion of the Panama Canal.

Despite very difficult international economic circumstances, the Corporation, its Board of Directors and Management, attract commendation for actively pursuing other avenues of business growth and revenue generation, and for seeking to implement linked services that have a natural synergy with PLIPDECO's core business model, while positioning itself as a logistics services provider. Examples are demurrage and detention services, berth-side bunkering and LCL export services, all at different stages of their growth cycles.

The industrial activities at the Point Lisas Industrial Estate, have also helped to position this country, as one of the most sought after locations for energy-related industrial activity in the western hemisphere.

With pride and more than usual enthusiasm, I congratulate the Company on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary. I pray for its successful and profitable future. Let us continue to work together to improve the quality of life of all the citizens of Trinidad and Tobago.