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UPDATE ON PUBLIC CONVENIENCES AT MARACAS BEACH

Port of Spain, Trinidad – September 21, 2017 – As a result of the on-going upgrade works at Maracas Beach, the main car parking facility is no longer available to the public. The Ministry of Tourism is in the process of constructing a parking facility near to the Maracas Fishing Complex and this would be available for public use by **Monday September 25, 2017**.

Due to the collapse of the roof and the consequential need to ensure the safety of beach users, the bathroom facilities on the beach have been closed. In the interim, temporary washrooms have been constructed by the National Infrastructure Development Company Limited (NIDCO) for use by the public and the vendors near the Main Lifeguard Building. The Ministry of Tourism has been liaising with the Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA) to ensure that a consistent water supply is maintained and a janitorial service provider is in place to maintain these temporary facilities.

The Maracas Beach upgrade works which includes road works, upgrade of drainage and car park facilities are being executed by the Programme for Upgrading Roads Efficiency Unit (PURE), of the Ministry of Works and Transport.

The developmental works at Maracas Beach are being done in phases to alleviate any possible disruption and inconvenience to general North Coast traffic, patrons, vendors and the Maracas community at large. **It is anticipated that the upgrade works on Maracas Beach will be completed by the end of December 2017.** Any inconveniences caused at this time is regretted.

The Government of Trinidad and Tobago remains committed to the development of an improved and well-managed Maracas Beach facility so as to enhance the beach experience for everyone - *the citizens of Trinidad and Tobago and the international visitors to our shores.*

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