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**Update on Moruga Fishing Port project... getting ready to modernize Moruga**

***Kent House, Maraval. October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016:*** The Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government is currently engaged in the preparatory phase of the project to construct the long awaited Fishing Port and facilities at Gran Chemin, Moruga.

A public tendering process was advertised in July 2016 whereby local and international firms were invited to bid for the construction of the port and facilities. Subsequently thirteen (13) bids were received and on September 15<sup>th</sup> 2016 bids were opened in the presence of representatives of bidding firms.

The evaluation of the technical bids is currently underway and once this process is completed, the financial bids will be opened and evaluated.

The Moruga Fishing Port and facilities is one of the PNM's 2015 manifesto promises and has received a budgetary allocation of TT\$45 million for works to be undertaken during the 2017 fiscal year.

The port project includes facilities for boat and net repair, as well as an ice plant to manufacture ice for use by the fishermen in order to store their catch.

During the construction phase of the project, which is expected to start in February 2017 and end in February 2019, Moruga residents will benefit from increased economic activity through the sale of food and beverages, housing rental, transportation of materials, rental of construction equipment, and employment for construction, clerical and administrative work.

The Rural Development Company is overseeing the project. Once completed, the facility will be handed over to the Ministry of Agriculture, Lands and Fisheries for long-term operational management.

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