



## **NOTICE 09-2020: PRECAUTIONS TO MINIMIZE THE RISK OF THE IMPORTATION OF THE COVID-19 DISEASE (2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS) INTO TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO**

March 18, 2020

Further to **Notice 06-2020**, dated February 18<sup>th</sup> 2020, the Corporation notes that effective March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020, as communicated by the Minister of Health, Trinidad & Tobago has recorded cases of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19).

Noting with great concern that the Port of Point Lisas is a major entry point in Trinidad and Tobago, the Corporation has again heightened its precautionary measures in an attempt to prevent the spread of the COVID-19.

The following outlines the major steps to be continued and in some cases, newly implemented steps by the Corporation as preventative measures in an attempt to reduce the spread of the virus to stakeholders:

### **Measures for Vessel Arrival**

- In keeping with the Declaration by the World Health Organization and by extension, the Government of Trinidad and Tobago, non-nationals will not be allowed entry into the Port of Point Lisas for a period of fourteen (14) days.
- All agents are required to ensure that the PLIPDECO Health Declaration Form for Vessels and Individuals are completed and submitted three (3) days in advance of the arrival of all international vessels.
- As per standard protocol, all vessels will be required to submit Pre-Arrival Health documentation which is screened by Port Health and PLIPDECO's HSE Department.

### **Other Precautionary Measures**

Stakeholders are encouraged to, wherever possible, conduct transactions over the phone or online thus avoiding unnecessary face-to-face contact. Above all, persons are urged to practice general hygienic measures to prevent themselves and their families from contracting viruses, such as regularly washing of hands with soap, use of alcohol based sanitizers, cover your nose and mouth with napkins when sneezing and coughing and avoid persons displaying flu-like symptoms.



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### Persons displaying symptoms associated with the COVID-19

- Persons who are displaying symptoms associated with COVID-19 such as **fever, dry cough, shortness of breath or other severe symptoms** are asked to refrain from conducting business at any of PLIPDECO's facilities.
- Security will conduct screenings at each entry point.
- Where flu-like symptoms are exhibited, persons will be required to undergo a Health interview by a representative of our Security/HSE Department and can be denied entry or service.

The Corporation continues to closely monitor the developments of the COVID-19 and will endeavor to take relevant precautionary steps as is necessary, in the interest and protection of employees and Port Users alike.

Sincerely,

**Marketing and Business Development Department  
PLIPDECO**