

Another senior exec leaves NGC



NGC's vice president, commercial, Verlier Quan-Vie

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Verlier Quan-Vie, vice president, commercial at the National Gas Company (NGC), formally resigned from the company on Monday, Guardian Media has learned.

Efforts to reach Quan-Vie for comment were unsuccessful.

NGC chairman Gerald Ramdeen, when contacted, said he is inquiring into the matter and could not say more at this time.

Quan-Vie is the last senior leadership team member appointed by former president Mark Loquan to step down following a series of departures after his retirement in August 2024.

She follows Narinejit Pariag, vice president of finance, technology and risk, who left the company in July this year. According to NGC's website, the only remaining member of the NGC leadership team is Edmund Subryan, vice president of legal and corporate affairs, who now also serves as acting president and corporate secretary.

Other senior leaders to exit NGC since Loquan's retirement include Kurt Scotland, senior manager of supply chain management; Winston Mohammed, senior manager of projects; Lisa Burkett, senior manager, Corporate Communications; Gillian Chevrotiere, senior manager, people, leadership and culture; Himalaya Bodoosingh, senior manager health, safety, security and environment and Ian Walcott, vice president of operations.

Earlier this year, Subryan appointed new members to the leadership team, though NGC's website has yet to reflect these changes. The appointees include Abbigail Meah-Ali as acting vice president, technical services; Ricardo Lewis as acting vice president, finance, technology and risk; Rennie Singh as acting vice president, operations; Aisha Kujifi as manager, people, leadership and culture; David Joseph as senior manager, supply chain management; Nicola Ghouralal as manager, corporate communications and Adrian Barran as senior manager, HSE and security. Barran was recently appointed chairman of the National Maintenance Training and Security Company (MTSC), while Meah-Ali now serves as a director on the Board of Lake Asphalt.

Just last week, National Energy President Vernon Paltoo informed staff that he would proceed on early retirement leave effective September 29. However, sources told the Trinidad Guardian that Paltoo was, in fact, forced into pre-retirement leave. In an internal memo to staff last week, Paltoo said the decision followed "careful and deliberate reflection," describing his years at the

organisation as one of the greatest honours of his professional life.

National Energy is a subsidiary of NGC.

Industry sources said during her time at NGC, Quan-Vie was worked alongside now deceased Loquan to settle previously turbulent relationships with upstream and downstream companies, stabilise gas supply, remove billions of dollars of claims against the company and increase revenue from Atlantic LNG. She also led commercial negotiations for domestic and cross-border upstream gas developments.

The NGC website highlights her as a commercial and business development professional with over 30 years' experience spanning risk management, commercial, and business development across all aspects of the energy value chain, both locally and internationally.

Energy Minister Dr Roodal Moonilal has not been responding to calls or WhatsApp messages on this development.

Meanwhile, Permanent Secretary Penelope Bradshaw-Niles, Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries, has been transferred to the Ministry of Sports.

Guardian Media understands that Bradshaw-Niles is currently on vacation, and no official reason has been given for the change in ministry.

She has worked with the ministry for the past 26 years and is a qualified chemical engineer.

Several attempts to contact the Energy Minister proved futile.