

Energy Chamber: His passing a tremendous loss

THE Energy Chamber yesterday remembered its former board member Mark Loquan as a distinguished leader of the national and global energy industry. 'Mark's career spanned over three decades in the energy and petrochemical industry, marked by leadership roles in several countries, including Trinidad and Tobago, the USA, Europe, Africa, and Australia and culminating in his role as president of the National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago from 2016 until 2024,' the chamber said in a statement following his passing earlier yesterday. 'His expertise and dedication to the energy sector were invaluable to both the companies he led and the industry as a whole.'

The Energy Chamber said Loquan had a 'deep and abiding commitment to the people of Trinidad and Tobago. His leadership of industry initiatives led to the creation of a strong industry-wide safety culture in Trinidad and Tobago and to significant new appreciation and commitment to decarbonisation and the creation of a more sustainable energy industry.'

It recalled that during difficult years, he helped create a sense of common purpose across the energy value chain, from upstream operators through the petrochemical producers, and throughout the supply chain.

'He championed the development of skills, concerns for the environment, the export of energy services and the recognition of the importance of community engagement. His industry colleagues were always in awe of his ability to do all of this whilst also composing and producing music, in particular for his beloved steelpan.'

When Mark announced he was retiring from industry to pursue his love of music and culture, his industry colleagues were all looking forward to many years of his continued contribution to national development, the chamber said.

'It is a profound tragedy that his dreams to concentrate on culture have been cruelly cut short by his illness. Our thoughts and condolences are with his family, friends, and colleagues at this difficult time. His passing is a tremendous loss to the industry, the country and the many lives he touched throughout his career in both energy and culture. He was a good man who did great things,' the Energy Chamber concluded.