

## New 13-member Plipdeco board appointed

RAMNARINE PERSAD has been appointed chairman of the Point Lisas Industrial Port Development Corporation Ltd (Plipdeco), as a new 13-member board was installed last Friday.

Vanessa Kussie, the widow of Rishi Nagassar-one of the four Land and Marine Construction Services (LMCS) divers killed in the February 2022 Paria Fuel diving tragedy-is also a member on the board.

The other members of the board are Sieunarine Babwah, Karunaa Bisramsingh, Trevor Joseph, Mulchan Lewis, Ramchand Maraj, Sadia Mohammed, Marsha Padia, Rondell Parsotan, Jonathan Poliah, Indy Samaroo and Jeffery Sookram.

The appointments were made at Plipdeco's 58th Annual General Meeting, held at Plipdeco House, Orinoco Drive, Point Lisas Industrial Estate, Couva.

The new board is twice the size of the previous Plipdeco board.

Former chair Annette Wattie, along with outgoing directors Cindy Manson, Richardo Garcia, Ricardo Lewis, St Clair O'Neil, and Stephen Harris, officially demitted office at the close of the meeting.

'The Corporation expresses its sincere appreciation to the outgoing directors for their dedicated service, leadership, and contributions to the strategic advancement of the Corporation during their respective tenures,' Plipdeco said in a Material Change notice.

The notice was filed pursuant to Section 64(1)(b) of the Securities Act 2012.

The latest appointments come amid a series of board and leadership changes at Plipdeco over the past year.

*Timeline of recent changes at Plipdeco:*

**JULY 29, 2024:** Plipdeco president Ernest Ashley Taylor placed on administrative leave.

Vice president of Technical Services Dr Averne Pantin appointed acting

president. **OCTOBER 8, 2024:** At the 57th AGM, it was resolved that Dr Daniel Dookie would cease to be chairman. Annette Wattie appointed chairman, and Stephen Harris

appointed to the board. **SEPTEMBER 30, 2024:** Haydn Jones resigned from the board.

**DECEMBER 1, 2024:** Taylor officially retired. Pantin continued as acting president.

**JANUARY 20, 2025:** Pantin sent on administrative leave. Vice president of Port

Operations Curtis Dennie appointed acting president. **JANUARY 27, 2025:** Manager of Cargo Handling Clint Dunan appointed acting vice president of Port Operations.

Manager of planning Deoraj Mahase appointed acting vice

president of Technical Services. **JANUARY 29, 2025:** Vice-president of Business Services Nigel Subiah and corporate secretary Richelle Lyman sent on administrative

leave. **JANUARY 30, 2025:** Manager of Finance Deera Goorahoo-Ramdeo appointed acting vice-president of Business Services. Manager of Legal Kelly Jackson-

Baynes appointed assistant secretary. **FEBRUARY 7, 2025:** Pantin resigned. **FEBRUARY 28, 2025:** Ayanna Miguel resigned from the board.

**APRIL 25, 2025:** Sheldon Baptiste appointed to the board.

**JUNE 2, 2025:** Subiah and Lyman fired. **JUNE 18, 2025:** Baptiste resigned.