

Tributes continue for Loquan



Former NGC president Mark Loquan, who passed away over the weekend.

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Tributes continue to pour in for former National Gas Company (NGC) president Mark Loquan who has been hailed for his positive and tremendous impact on this country's energy sector.

Outgoing president of the T&T Manufacturers' Association (TTMA) Roger Roach described Loquan as having a pivotal role over the last eight years in the reorganisation of the sector, especially in the gas arena.

"It was very pleasing to us in the business community when he returned to Trinidad and Tobago to contribute nationally in that way and we're also happy that before his passing, he was able to

receive the nation's highest award, the Order of Trinidad and Tobago.

"Personally, I think Mark did exceptionally well for the country, both on the business side and on the cultural side. He was very involved in composition for steelpans and at this time, the only thing the TTMA would like to do is to pay homage to him for his contribution and to extend our deepest condolences to his family and his loved ones," Roach told Guardian Media yesterday.

Meanwhile, the Energy Chamber of T&T also termed Loquan as a distinguished leader of the national and global energy industry.

In a statement yesterday it noted Loquan's career spanned over three decades in the energy and petrochemical industry, marked by leadership roles in several countries, including T&T, USA, Europe, Africa, and Australia and culminating in his role as president of the National Gas Company of T&T from 2016 until 2024. The chamber also noted Loquan's expertise and dedication to the energy industry was invaluable to both the companies he led.

Further, the chamber said Loquan had a deep and abiding commitment to the people of this country.

"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.

"During some 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 steel pan," the chamber added.

It stated that when Loquan announced he was retiring from the 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. Sadly, this was short lived, said the organisation.