

LABIDCO's Port Brighton gets EcoPorts certification

THE La Brea Industrial Development Company Ltd (LABIDCO) Port Brighton has received its EcoPorts Port Environmental Review System (PERS) certification. Achieved in December 2024, Port Brighton now joins a global network of 66 EcoPorts-certified facilities.

It is the only one in the Caribbean Community to have earned this certification, a release from LABIDCO stated.

'This certification, awarded by the ECO Sustainable Logistics Chain Foundation (ECOSLC) under the European Sea Ports Organisation (ESPO), highlights the port's voluntary adherence to stringent environmental standards that exceed regulatory requirements. It also underscores the Port of Brighton's commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainability,' the release stated.

'EcoPorts PERS is the only port-specific environmental and sustainability standard tailored to the unique operations of ports. It integrates established frameworks such as ISO 14001 while addressing the specific challenges and responsibilities of the maritime industry. The certification process also involves an independent assessment conducted by Lloyd's Register, LRQA, Netherlands (Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance). The certification remains valid for two years, after which it is reassessed to ensure continued compliance with evolving laws, regulations, and international climate objectives,' it added.

The release quotes Energy Minister Stuart Young as saying: 'This certification is a milestone, not only for LABIDCO but for Trinidad and Tobago. By achieving EcoPorts accreditation, LABIDCO has set a remarkable standard of visionary leadership in integrating environmental responsibility into industrial operations. This achievement paves the way for regional ports to adopt more sustainable practices, ensuring a greener and more resilient future for the energy and maritime sectors.'

And according to LABIDCO chairman Dr Joseph Khan, 'The receipt of this certification positions LABIDCO and the Port of Brighton at the forefront of sustainable port operations in the region, signalling a strong commitment to environmental responsibility and innovation. It also reaffirms the company's role as a leader in sustainable port management. I commend the team for their outstanding work and vision in setting a new benchmark for the industry.'

The release stated that often referred to as 'Green Ports', EcoPorts-certified facilities set a benchmark in sustainable port development by adopting environmentally friendly practices, minimising ecological impacts, reducing carbon emissions and ensuring compliance with international environmental standards.

'In doing so, Green Ports play a vital role in advancing global sustainability goals and enhancing the port's credibility, as they align their operations with international frameworks such as the United Nations Sustainability Goals and the European Union's Green Agenda,' it added.



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