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LABIDCO's Port of Brighton Makes History as First Certified Green Port in Trinidad and Tobago, CARICOM

La Brea Industrial Development Company Limited (LABIDCO) has made history with its Port of Brighton becoming the first port in Trinidad and Tobago—and the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)—to achieve the prestigious EcoPorts PERS (Port Environmental Review System) certification. Received in December 2024, the Port of Brighton now joins a global network of 66 EcoPorts-certified facilities.

This certification, awarded by the ECO Sustainable Logistics Chain Foundation (ECOSLC) 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.

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.

The Hon. Stuart Young, S.C., Minister of Energy and Energy Industries highlighted the significance of LABIDCO's accomplishment stating: "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."

Dr. Joseph Khan, Chairman of LABIDCO, also expressed his pride in the achievement stating: "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."

Often referred to as "Green Ports", EcoPorts-certified facilities set a benchmark in sustainable port development by adopting environmentally friendly practices, minimizing 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.

CERTIFICATE OF VERIFICATION



THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE DOCUMENTATION OF THE PORT ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW SYSTEM OF:

Port of Brighton, LABIDCO
Trinidad and Tobago

HAS BEEN REVIEWED BY LRQA TO THE FOLLOWING
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT STANDARD:

Port Environmental Review
System (PERS) version 5

THE SYSTEM IS APPLICABLE TO THE:

Activities, products and services
of the port authority

Certificate no:	307
Verification date:	16 December 2024
Expiry date:	16 December 2026

ON BEHALF OF ECO SLC

ON BEHALF OF LRQA

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ECO SLC

Sustainable Logistics Chain

The logo for LRQA, consisting of the letters "LRQA" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. The letter "A" has a green checkmark integrated into its right side.

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A PERS certificate is the confirmation that the PERS requirements have been evaluated and met. However, because the review is based on third hand information, a PERS certificate is not a value judgement of the port environmental management system and its performance, since these have only been evaluated on the basis of documents supplied by the port.



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Figure 1. Overview of the Port of Brighton



Figure 2. Overview of the Port of Brighton



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