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Trinidad and Tobago



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TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO



Manufacturing

Trinidad and Tobago (T&T) is a geographically strategic twin-island republic located at the crossroads of many shipping and flight routes within the Americas.

Trinidad, situated off the northern coast of South America, is only 11km from the Venezuelan mainland. Tobago, the smaller of the two, lies off the north-eastern coast of Trinidad. The country's position as the southernmost within the Caribbean Basin, puts it safely below the Atlantic hurricane belt, providing a relatively safe zone in the region during the turbulent annual hurricane season.

The Gulf of Paria, a sheltered inland sea between Trinidad and Venezuela, provides safe anchorage for maritime vessels to the west of Trinidad and features two containerised ports and a third bulk goods and liquid natural gas port.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO IS A
LEADER IN MANUFACTURING IN THE

Caribbean

Trinidad and Tobago is the manufacturing hub of the English-speaking Caribbean. A concentration in food and beverage, printing and packaging, chemical and non-metallic minerals, and assembly-type industries stimulated the growth of large clusters in these areas.



1st

IN THE CARIBBEAN
FOR OVERALL
INFRASTRUCTURE



3+

ACTIVE SHIPPING
LINES DOCK IN T&T



2nd

LARGEST
CONTRIBUTOR
TO GDP



BUSINESSES IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO'S manufacturing sector benefit from a unique combination of competitive **advantages.**

1 | ADVANCED INFRASTRUCTURE

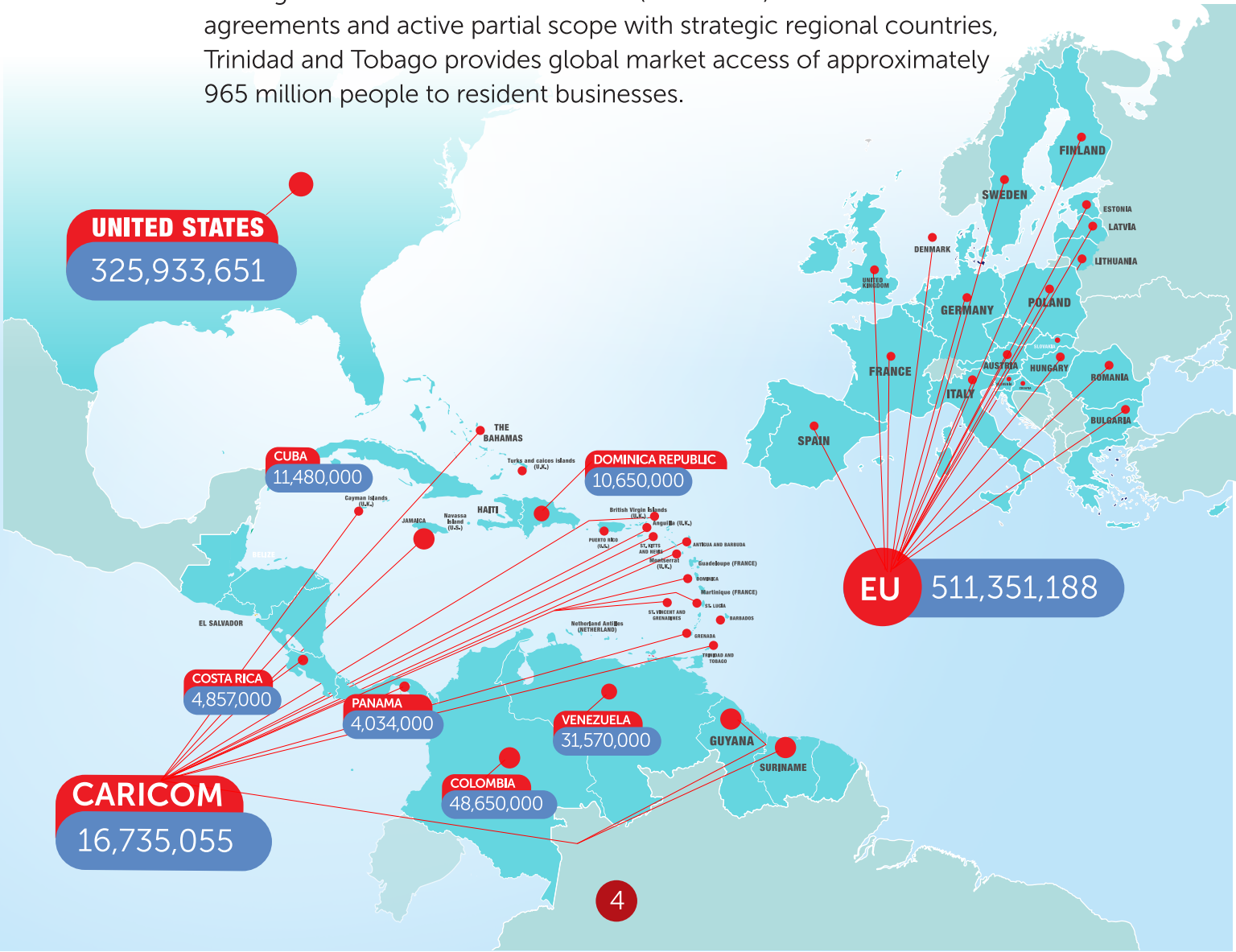
Trinidad and Tobago has well-developed infrastructure and facilities to support the needs of its manufacturing sector

- Extensive transportation network of roads
- Convenient direct air connections to major cities in North and South America, the Caribbean and Europe
- Access to two international ports capable of handling containerised shipments
- Reliable power generation facilities with a capacity of 2364MW
- Attractive energy rates from US\$0.03 to US\$0.06 per kWh
- Modern IT and telecommunications structure.

Information technology providers have invested in undersea cables, on-island fibre connectivity using modern MPLS protocols. Available ICT services include fixed broadband, WiMax mobile broadband, dedicated internet access, advanced and next generation IP networks and Satellite back-up services. Mobile networks offer 2G, 4G, and 4G LTE speeds.

ACCESS TO GLOBAL AND REGIONAL MARKETS

Through Caribbean Common Market (CARICOM) bilateral trade agreements and active partial scope with strategic regional countries, Trinidad and Tobago provides global market access of approximately 965 million people to resident businesses.



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WELL EDUCATED LABOUR POOL

A diverse, well-rounded and skilled labour pool meets the dynamic needs of the country's manufacturing sector within a competitive cost structure. While ours is an English-speaking workforce, Spanish as a second language is available. Nationals of Trinidad and Tobago benefit from an attractive tertiary education policy resulting in approximately 7,000 tertiary level graduates per year.

Manufacturing industries benefit from persons trained in mechanical, chemical, instrumentation and process engineering, management studies and IT related disciplines, as well as relevant technical and vocational skills.



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ATTRACTIVE INCENTIVES

Fiscal Incentives:

Exemptions on customs duties for building materials on the construction of an approved project, Value Added Tax and/or income tax on dividends or other distribution.

Import Duty Concessions:

Exemptions from Customs Duties on raw materials, machinery and equipment and in some cases packaging material.

Approved Small Company Status

Limited Liability Companies granted this designation derive a tax relief for a period of five (5) years.

Free Zones Status:

Where 75% of the output of a manufacturing entity is exported external to CARICOM.



100%

100% ownership by
foreign investors
of their local
companies



100%

repatriation of profits

Free Trade Zones

Approved enterprises enjoy a relatively bureaucracy-free environment, exemption from import taxes and duties, corporate taxes and a comprehensive package of other incentives.

The following projects can qualify for free zone status:

- Manufacturing for export, including assembly
- Provision of services for export
- Development and management of free zones
- International trading in products, including regional distribution

Allowances to the manufacturing sector

Businesses in the manufacturing sector have access to an allowance equal to 90% of the capital expenditure incurred from the provision of machinery and plant for the purpose of trade.

The allowance is granted only for the year of assessment when the expense was incurred.



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COST EFFECTIVE OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENT

Trinidad and Tobago leads the Caribbean and Latin American region at #1 for Cost Effectiveness (*fDi Magazine 2015/2016*) and provides the second lowest operational costs when the costs of electricity, water, telecoms and natural gas are compared (fDi Benchmarks – a service of *The Financial Times Limited 2015*).



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COMPREHENSIVE FACILITATION SERVICES

InvesTT is the country's investment promotion agency and your first point of contact for investment enquiries. Staffed with the requisite expertise we partner with you from beginning to end ensuring an efficient and rewarding investment experience. Our services include delivering information on local markets, business linkages, site visit facilitation, real estate advisory and access to government incentives.

Lease Agreements are a common form of land occupancy by manufacturers in Trinidad and Tobago. Several state owned industrial zones offer land for manufacturing purposes.

Tamana InTech Park

Site Purpose: Designed to be the largest Science and Technology Park in the Caribbean. It will become a self-contained city center inclusive of such amenities as transportation hub, cafeteria, restaurants, banking facilities and convenience shops. Targeted for ICT, Financial Services and High Value Manufacturing

Site Details: Various size lots (20 Land Lots) up to 84,984 Sq. M. for development available

- Over 10,000 Sq. M at Eteck's flagship building for rent (Office Space)
- 30 Year lease with option for renewals
- All town and country approvals completed
- Availability of Transport in and out via PTSC
- Lease rate: USD 3.25/ Sq.M/ per annum

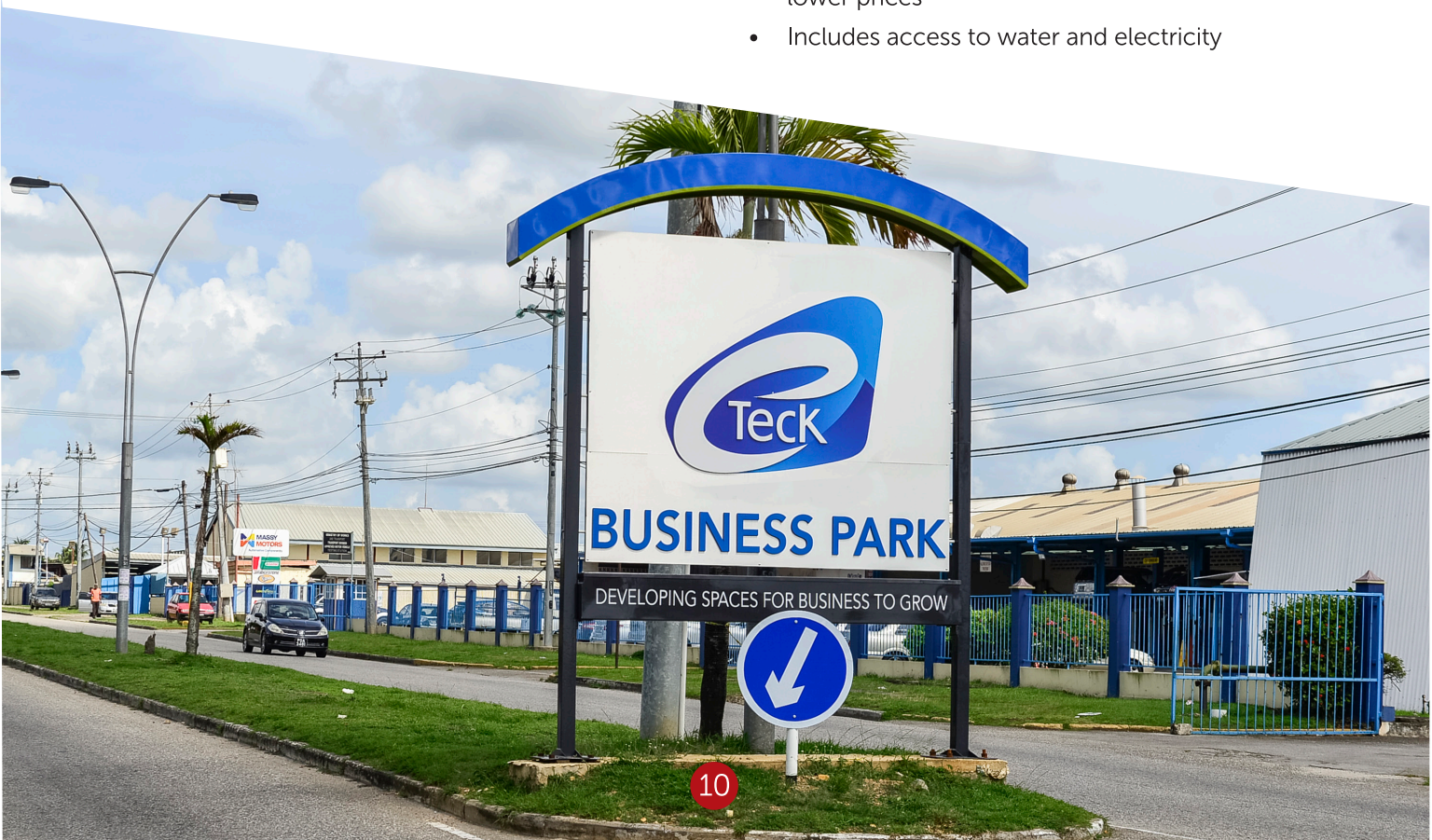


Dow Village Industrial Park

Site Purpose: Light Manufacturing
and Petrochemicals

Site Details:

- Close proximity to Point Lisas Industrial Estate and Port Facilities
- 147 Acres of Undeveloped Land
- Conceptual Plan completed with outline approval
- Scheduled for development by manager but undeveloped land can be acquired at lower prices
- Includes access to water and electricity



PURCHASE OF LAND

Land ownership is also available to foreign investors and can be purchased without a foreign investment license at:

- Up to one (1) acre of land for residential purposes
- Up to five (5) acres for commercial purposes

The purchase of land in excess of the above requires the application for a license from the President of Trinidad and Tobago.



Businesses within the Manufacturing sector run the gamut from food processing to chemicals and non-metallic minerals and the sector remains open to new businesses. Recent research has identified key opportunities for viable investments.

a. Secondary Aluminum

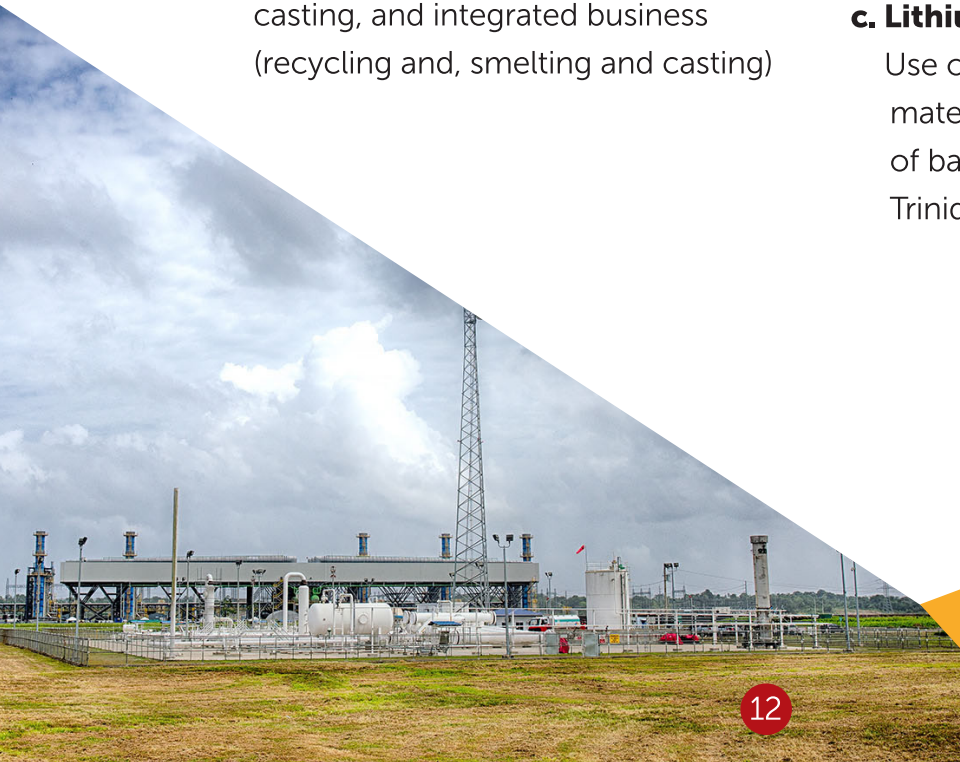
The use of locally sourced aluminium (together with foreign imported ingots, dependent on business model) to engage in recycling, smelting and casting, and integrated business (recycling and, smelting and casting)

b. LED Production Plant

The manufacture and assembly of components for use in, the assembly of LED Lighting fixtures.

c. Lithium Ion Battery Manufacturing

Use of imported prefabricated materials to engage in the assembly of battery modules and packs in Trinidad.





d. Consumer Goods for CARICOM Market

The Food, Beverages and Tobacco (FBT) segment is the most important of the Non-energy Manufacturing Sector. In 2016 the FBT segment of consumer good accounted for 60% of the total GDP of total manufactured products (exclusive of energy).

The CARICOM market provides manufacturers with a significant export opportunity giving access to 17 million people. For the period January to September 2017 Trinidad and Tobago's exports of Food, Live Animals, Beverages and Tobacco was 20% of all non-energy exports.

**TRINIDAD IS THE LEADING
MANUFACTURER OF CONSUMER
GOODS FOR THE CARICOM MARKET.**

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