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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **All Trinidad General Workers' Trade Union Accepts CPO's 4% Offer on Behalf of Sugarcane Feeds Centre Staff**

**January 16, 2024:** Following their recent visit to the **Personnel Department in December 2023**, the **All Trinidad General Workers' Trade Union (ATGWTU)** returned to the Offices of the **Chief Personnel Officer (CPO) Commander Dr. Daryl Dindial** to sign **Collective Agreements** on behalf of **Junior Monthly paid, Hourly and Daily-Rated** workers of the **Sugarcane Feeds Centre**, for the periods **January 01, 2014 to December 31, 2016** and **January 01, 2017 to December 31, 2019**.

In the agreement, the **Sugarcane Feeds Centre** workers received a **4% increase** in salaries and wages for over a six (6) year period. The parties also agreed to a one-time lump sum payment of **\$4,000.00** which is to be tax exempted for **Junior Monthly Paid** employees and **Hourly and Daily-Rated** workers who have retired from the **Sugarcane Feeds Centre** compulsorily, voluntarily, with permission, or on the grounds of illness during the period **January 01, 2014 to December 31, 2015**.

Additionally, an increase in **Cost allowances** such as **Meal Allowance** for both **Junior Monthly Paid** and **Hourly and Daily-Rated** employees as well as, **Travelling Allowance and Commuted Overtime Allowance** in respect to the **Junior Monthly Paid staff**.

This is the second **Collective Agreement** signed between the **All Trinidad General Workers' Trade Union** and the **Chief Personnel Officer** for workers who play an integral role in advancing agricultural practices and production in Trinidad and Tobago. Commander Dindial again thanks the Union led by Mr. Nirvan Maharaj for the continued commitment to addressing the numerous issues confronted by their members

**Commander Dindial** continues to appeal to those Unions who have not accepted the offer, to accept.

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