



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
MINISTRY OF FINANCE

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MEDIA RELEASE

**CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW TERMINAL BUILDING AT
CROWN POINT, TOBAGO**

The Minister of Finance, Hon. Colm Imbert, MP, has taken note of a press release issued by the Tobago House of Assembly (THA), which gives the impression that instructions have been given by the THA to the Commissioner of State Lands to cease and desist from acquisition proceedings for lands required for the construction of the new terminal building at the ANR Robinson International Airport at Crown Point Tobago, and that the Commissioner of State Lands has complied with these alleged instructions.

The Minister of Finance wishes to make it clear that any such impression is inaccurate and misleading. The THA has no such power to instruct the Commissioner of State Lands.

Further, the lands in question are urgently required for the construction of the new airport terminal in Tobago and the State has been in discussions with the occupants of these lands for the last 3 years.

These protracted discussions have delayed the commencement of construction of the terminal building, and the cost of the delay is now costing millions of dollars.

Accordingly, in accordance and compliance with the law, and the prescribed procedures for applications to the High Court of Trinidad and Tobago, the State is taking all necessary steps to acquire and take possessions of the lands as an urgent priority in order to avoid further delays, and further cost escalation on this urgently needed and very important infrastructure project.

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The Honourable Colm Imbert M.P.
Minister of Finance