

## **Petrotrin makes Security Improvements**

On July 05 2004, Petrotrin's Pointe-a-Pierre Port Operations obtained ISPS certification (International Ships and Port Security) from the International Maritime Organization. This attested to the fact that Petrotrin's Pointe-a-Pierre Port Operations had satisfied all the necessary requirements by enhancing all aspects of its security function and by instituting a range of measures to manage security risk at this critical facility.



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The ISPS code establishes the standards to be employed at ports to detect, assess and prevent shipping security risks. The code applies to ships and ports worldwide and has been enforced strictly since July 2004. Petrotrin had to comply since failure to do so would have meant a cessation of all marketing activities at Pointe-a-Pierre.

But Petrotrin is not resting on its laurels since ISPS certification must be maintained. Currently new perimeter fences are being erected around the refinery. These fences are much higher than they were before and are being reinforced with razor wire at the top. Fences surrounding the perimeter of the compound at Pointe-a-Pierre are being repaired and will also be upgraded. New facilities for police officers are being refurbished and erected so that the security department can better serve Petrotrin.

In addition to the fences and new facilities, there is a heightened police presence with patrols in and around Pointe-a-Pierre. Police are more vigilant and there are more frequent vehicle searches. Most importantly, all employees and contractors must wear ID badges at all times on Petrotrin compounds.

The department has also significantly beefed up its security contingent with several batches of new trainees being brought on board on a systematic basis. There is a new emphasis on training and retraining all officers in the department to meet the demands of 21st century policing.