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## THE NOU JOINS WITH LOCAL COMPANY TO LAUNCH ANOTHER HYDROCARBON REFRIGERANT LINE IN GRENADA

ST. GEORGE'S GRENADA, Thursday, January 26, 2012: The National Ozone Unit of the Energy Division (NOU) of the Ministry of Finance will join with SNJ Electrical (a local company) to launch the entire line of Hydrocarbon refrigerants under the brand name, Duracool ®, for distribution throughout the sub-region. The launch ceremony would be held at the Spiceland Mall Car Park in Morne Rouge, St. George's, on Saturday, January 28th, 2012 from 10:00 a.m.

Hydrocarbon refrigerants have been identified as non-ozone depleting and non-global warming and more energy efficient as compared to other Hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFC) and hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) refrigerants currently used world-wide. This public private partnership is consistent with Grenada's commitment to reduce carbon emissions.

This is the second Grenadian company that is a regional distributor for hydrocarbon refrigerants.

The National Ozone Unit attributes the increasing use of hydrocarbon refrigerants in Grenada to the several training courses that it has organized in the last five years for refrigeration and air-conditioning technicians. SNJ Electrical has participated in many of these training programmes and its General Manager is currently the Treasurer of the Grenada Refrigeration, Air-Conditioning and Ventilating Association (GRAVA).

At the launch SNJ Electrical with make several audio-visual presentations to outline the properties, advantages, usage and applications of the Duracool ® products. The event would end with a Mobile Air Conditioning (MAC) retrofit demonstration that would include the conversion of cars, sport utility vehicles (SUV's) and buses from R-134a refrigerant to hydrocarbon refrigerants.

All members of the media are invited to join the NOU and SNJ at this event.

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