A new terminal operating system, the Navis SPARCS N4, will be operationalized at the Port of Port of Spain (PPOS) in April 2012. This system, used by major ports internationally, is a fully integrated, automated solution from gate to yard to vessel, and allows the Port to offer customers industry-proven best practices with an increased level of automation, thereby eliminating many manual processes.

This will be the new way that the Port does business, and all stakeholders are required to be familiar when the system goes ‘live’. In this regard, the Port has been conducting training sessions for all categories of persons who do business with us.

Navis is a true real-time system, enabling the Port to react immediately to any change in conditions. The system will have a profound effect on the way the Port does business, as well as its ability to grow in the years ahead. It will also vastly improve our service to customers who will have a simple online process, and no longer have to wait while a Port worker inputs the information manually.

It will affect every aspect of operations, from vessel to the gate, and even have an impact on the back-office functions such as invoicing.

Some of the major benefits include:
- Higher efficiency to the Port and all stakeholders.
- Improved operations and supply chain management.
- Greater security and lower risks.
- Reduction of operational costs, through greater efficiency.