

PRIDE in INDUSTRY



In a salute to Barbados' 50th anniversary of Independence, Arawak Cement, a leading Barbadian manufacturer for over three decades, takes you on the inside of its business with a series of features on various aspects of an institution that has helped to build this nation.



PARTNERS FOR PROGRESS

"Let's join hands and show we love Barbados, let's join hands and show how much we care..."

Through a number of programmes, Arawak Cement embraces the sentiments of this song that promoted the Human Chain around Barbados in 1979.

WORKING WITH OUR COMMUNITIES

A big part of Arawak Cement's Corporate Social Responsibility Programme is focussed on protecting the environment and reducing the impact of its operations on neighbouring communities. Under the leadership of the General Manager Manuel Toro who took office five months ago, Arawak Cement has been engaging nearby communities on the environment. World Environment Day was celebrated on June 5 with the theme "Plant A Tree". It was therefore appropriate that during the month of June Arawak Cement planted 48 ficus trees with fences near to its Bromefield Quarry.



One of the ficus trees planted and fenced by Arawak Cement

OFFERING YOUTH THE POWER OF CHOICE

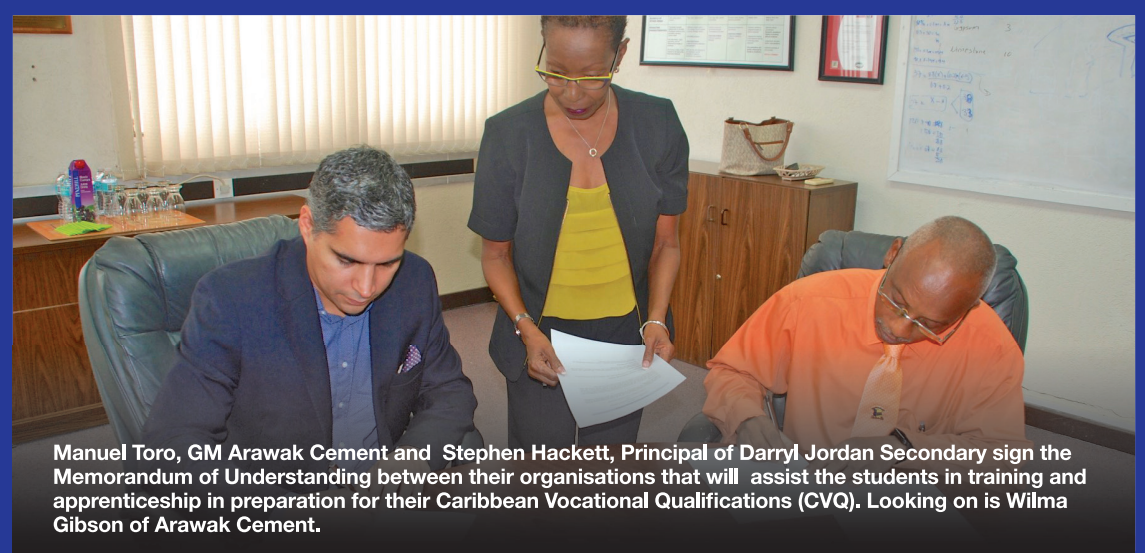


(Left to right) The Principal of Darryl Jordan Secondary, Stephen Hackett, Arawak Cement GM, Manuel Toro, Hon. Dennis Kellman, MP for St. Lucy, Wilma Gibson and other officials of Arawak Cement along with students following the donation of the 25 computers by Arawak Cement.

Thirty-two students of the Darryl Jordan Secondary School are now better equipped to make good choices and positive changes in their lives thanks to a four-day "Power of Choice" programme presented by the FreeMind Institute and sponsored by Arawak Cement.

The workshop on personal development, leadership and team building was facilitated by Managing Director and People Development Specialist of the FreeMind Institute, Errol Griffith.

Deputy Principal of the Darryl Jordan Secondary School, Ken Layne recognised the long standing support the school had received from neighbouring Arawak Cement Company and the transformation offered by the recent course with the presentation of an Appreciation Award to Arawak's General Manager, Manuel Toro. Arawak Cement has a multi-faceted partnership with the Darryl Jordan Secondary School, which started with the donation of 25 computers and will include Caribbean Vocational Qualification (CVQ) training that gives students hands-on experience at the plant to help boost their competency levels for certification.



Manuel Toro, GM Arawak Cement and Stephen Hackett, Principal of Darryl Jordan Secondary sign the Memorandum of Understanding between their organisations that will assist the students in training and apprenticeship in preparation for their Caribbean Vocational Qualifications (CVQ). Looking on is Wilma Gibson of Arawak Cement.

SUPPORTING DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Earlier this year, Arawak Cement in partnership with the Barbados Association of Professional Engineers (BAPE) hosted a UWI-SRC Workshop under the theme: "Preserving Our Heritage: Mitigating the Impacts of Coastal Hazards". The presentation to engineers, which was delivered by Lloyd Lynch, Instrumentation Engineer, UWI-SRC was part of an initiative by Disaster Emergency Management (DEM) to increase preparedness for tsunamis and earthquakes.

"Building a Stronger Barbados"

