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### **Minister of Public Utilities, Energy and Logistics Tours ASR Facilities**

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Hon. Rodwell Ferguson, Minister of Public Utilities, Energy and Logistics, went on a tour of the American Sugar Refining (ASR) facilities at the Belize Sugar Industries and, adjacent, the Belize Cogeneration Energy Limited (BELCOGEN).

The purpose of the tour was to get first-hand knowledge of the sugar industry and accompanying electricity generation facility from bagasse. Minister Ferguson met with the staff and principals of ASR to discuss future collaboration in the energy sector.

BELCOGEN is an important partner in the energy sector as they provide on average 10% of electricity supply to the national grid.

Minister Ferguson was accompanied by Mr. Marconi Leal Jr, Chief Executive Officer, and Mr. Ryan Cobb, Energy Director in the Ministry.

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