

# Sharing his knowledge

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As a member of Bajan super group **Spice International**, Michael “Smasher” Cadogan was known for his high-energy performances on percussion. Cadogan, now based in Canada, is offering his knowledge and connections in the field of renewable clean energy, among others, to Government.

Cadogan and Mr Leroy Johnston, CEO of the Plastic grinding and Recycling Company, met late last year with then Minister of the Environment Denis Lowe and Officials of his ministry, along with officials of the Sanitation Service Authority and the Solid Waste Project Unit.

The parties discussed a number of projects, including Renewable clean energies and recycling by using biosphere Gasification systems and solar photovoltaic geomembrane Systems, said Cadogan.

He added he was “very excited” and was looking forward to working with Government and any other Companies “interested in moving to the next level in the new clean energy arena”. He pointed out that Johnston had over 30 years in the recycling and environmental industry and his Cleveland-based company had worked with the World Bank on projects, as well as operating worldwide. Expressing an interest in working with other Caribbean Governments, Cadogan said: “We think it’s time the people are educated on the situation with the earth’s atmosphere and what will happen if we don’t do something about it soon. Renewable energy and recycling are the only way forward.”

Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of the Environment Lionel Weekes confirmed that Cadogan and Johnston offered “consultancy services” in solid waste management and that Plastic grinding and Recycling had offered to act as a consultant in marketing all of Barbados’ recyclables, Including paper, plastic, cardboard, steel, non-ferrous Metals, mulch and any other agricultural byproducts such as Coconut shells, as well as “other potential future products”. The company also offered services in “other endeavors such as solar projects”, he added.

“The SSA has responded to Mr. Johnston, thanking him for his offer and explaining its competitive bidding Processes,” Weekes said.

He added: “The Ministry of the Environment expresses

its heartfelt appreciation to Mr Cadogan for bringing these Prospective services to our attention. Mr. Cadogan has been Promoting Barbados as a clean environment which is good for investment. It is Government's policy to reach out to the Diaspora and we salute him."