



large scale. The first Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago had given a speech calling out to citizens to embrace manufacturing with the country's resources, remarking that 'Where there is sugar cane there will be steel.' Reform is only a stone's throw from where my grandfather's store was and most of these people were family customers. So, my father decided to start a manufacturing operation in Reform and give employment to the community. He had already made

contacts through his trading and buying and selling; he had good ties with Puerto Rico and good friends there in the steel market. So, he began his first significant manufacturing investment by entering into a partnership with Caribbean Steel, based in Puerto Rico. Dansteel and Caribbean Steel would combine to establish Trinrico Steel and Wire Products Limited. And that's why Trinrico ended up in Reform Village."

According to Ramoutarsingh, Trinrico Steel was soon manufacturing welded wire mesh, nails, chain link fencing, and rebar processed from coils. Daniel's father also entered into an exclusive business relationship with Bekaert International, a world market and technology leader in steel wire transformation and coatings, processing the company's galvanized, coated wires into chain link fabric, galvanized welded wire mesh, and barbed wire. He formed the Dansteel Group of Companies that would eventually grow to include a chain of Hardware Stores, Gulf City Shopping Mall, and Trinrico Steel and Wire Products Limited.