



hopeful. “But these problems are going to be solved in the not-too-distant future,” he believes. “There are many people working on this problem, world-wide. There are technologies in the U.S. that successfully takes comingled plastics and make boards and pallets out of them. That industry has been around for a while in the U.S.” Quesnel points to a company called JET Recycling America, Inc. a Nevada-based business that uses a proprietary technology to transform virtually all forms and grades of plastic waste, comingled and regardless of contamination, directly into valuable, 100 percent recycled products.

According to Quesnel, even though Trinidad is a small



country, between 50 and 60 million plastic bottles are disposed of into the waste system, every month. He believes that a big part of the problem is that his fellow citizens are not well-educated about the need and benefits of recycling. “We do not have the proper educational material out in the schools and in the general media,” he says. “But I’m going to continue trying to get good sense to prevail; to get my country to accept that recycling is necessary - not only of plastics, but of all the other recycle-friendly materials. We have to treat waste as a potential income and not just taking it to the dump and waste disposal areas, loading more dirt on top of it and thinking it will go away. It’s not going to go away. We have to deal with it.”