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**CLARIFICATION RE THE FUNCTIONS OF THE CONTRACTOR GENERAL AND
THE NATIONAL CONTRACTS COMMISSION**

Dear Sir/Madam:

A very good morning to you!

We write in reference to your article titled: *Ruder Finn retains JTB contract with 'genius' campaign* in Section D, page 7, of The Gleaner dated March 14, 2007.

We wish to proffer a clarification with regard to the claims that "...an award to Ruder Finn ...was endorsed by the Contractor General back in January" and, further on, that "Another contract...for PR in the United Kingdom also passed the Contractor General's scrutiny."

Please note that the Contractor-General is responsible solely for monitoring and investigating the award and implementation of Government contracts, licences and permits and related matters. The Contractor General does not award, approve, endorse or recommend for award, approval or endorsement any Government contract, licence or permit.

Contract award recommendations are endorsed and/or approved by the National Contracts Commission (NCC) under the powers which are reserved to the NCC by Sections 23D(1)(b) & (c) of the Contractor-General Act. Notices of these endorsements and/or approval by the NCC are, on a monthly basis, sent to the media by the OCG, and are also published on the OCG's website site at: www.ocg.gov.jm.

These notices do not constitute a confirmation of the actual awards. GOJ procurement contracts are ultimately awarded by the relevant Ministries or Agencies of Government.

The Office of the Contractor-General is the Secretariat for the Contractor-General and the National Contracts Commission. However, both the Contractor-General and the National Contracts Commission are independent, separate and distinct Commissions of Parliament.

Sincerely,

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