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OFFICE OF THE CONTRACTOR GENERAL REGISTERS UNPRECEDENTED 100% QCA REPORT COMPLIANCE RATE FOR THE NINTH CONSECUTIVE QUARTER

Kingston, Jamaica; May 3, 2011– The rigidly enforced Zero Tolerance Policy of the Office of the Contractor General (OCG), which was first introduced in October 2006 to combat Public Bodies who were refusing to comply with the lawful requisitions of the OCG, has succeeded once more in producing another unprecedented and record 100% compliance rate for the ninth consecutive quarter running.

All 198 Public Bodies, whose contract award activities are currently being monitored by the OCG, were declared fully compliant in filing their 2011 1st Quarter Contract Award (QCA) Reports to the OCG by the stipulated deadline date of today, May 3, 2011.

QCA Reports are required to be filed with the OCG, in arrears, within one month after the ending of each quarter. Where the month ends on a weekend or on a public holiday, QCA Reports must be filed by the next business day. An additional one (1) day grace period is also provided by the OCG.

The OCG's Zero Tolerance Policy dictates that a failure or refusal, on the part of any Public Body, to comply with the OCG's QCA Requisition, results in the automatic referral of the head of the delinquent Public Body to the Director of Public Prosecutions for criminal prosecution under Section 29 (b) of the Contractor General Act. No exception to the application of this Policy has ever been allowed by the Contractor General in the four and one-half years that the Policy has been in force.

The OCG's QCA Report forms are designed in a simple spreadsheet format and are specifically structured to force the disclosure of the material particulars of certain contracts which have been awarded by Public Bodies. They are also designed to disclose whether and to what extent a Procuring Public Body has breached the Government's Procurement Procedures.

The QCA Report regime was conceived and implemented in May 2006 by Contractor General, Greg Christie, as a major plank of his strategic plan to secure a marked improvement in probity, accountability and transparency in the Government contract award process. All contracts that are reported via the OCG's QCA Report Regime are available for public scrutiny on the OCG's website at www.ocg.gov.jm.

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