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OCG Registers Unprecedented 100% QCA Report Submission Compliance Rate for Thirteen Consecutive Quarters

Kingston, Jamaica; May 3, 2012 – 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 which were refusing to comply with the lawful requisitions of the OCG, has now succeeded in producing another record 100% compliance rate, but this time for thirteen consecutive quarters running.

All 194 Public Bodies, whose contract award activities are currently being monitored by the OCG, were declared fully compliant in filing their 2012 1st Quarter Contract Award (QCA) Reports to the OCG by the stipulated deadline date of Tuesday, May 1, 2012.

Before the institution of the Policy, which calls for the mandatory referral of delinquent Public Bodies to the Director of Public Prosecutions for criminal prosecution, the highest Public Body compliance rate that was ever recorded by the OCG was 13%. No exception to the application of the Policy has ever been allowed by the Contractor General in the five (5) years that the Policy has been in force.

The OCG's 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 compliance, probity, accountability and transparency in the Government's small contracts award process.

Today, the computer technology based regime has, among other things, allowed the OCG to make public, on its website, the award particulars of the over 61,000 small to medium sized contracts that have so far been awarded by the country's Public Bodies since May 1, 2006. The contracts, which range in value from \$250,000 to \$10 million, have an aggregated value of more than \$75 billion.

Given that the OCG has only ten (10) Inspectors to monitor the 12,000 Government contracts which are awarded annually in values which exceed \$275,000, the QCA Report regime has substantially assisted the OCG's contract monitoring process by enabling it to utilize computer technology to scrutinize the estimated 11,000 contracts which are captured each year under the regime.

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