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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

**CONTRACTOR GENERAL CONCLUDES ADDENDUM TO REPORT OF INVESTIGATION INTO SANDALS WHITEHOUSE HOTEL PROJECT – REPORT SUBMITTED TO PARLIAMENT**

Kingston, November 14, 2006 - Contractor General, Greg Christie, has today announced that his Office has concluded an Addendum to its Report of Investigation into the Sandals Whitehouse Hotel Project.

The Office of the Contractor General's Addendum was submitted under cover of letter, dated 2006 November 10, to the Principal Officer of the Ackendown Newtown Development Company Limited; Mrs. Marjorie Campbell, the President and CEO of the Urban Development Corporation (UDC); Dr. the Hon. Carlton Davies, the Chairman of the Development Bank of Jamaica (the NIBJ was recently merged into the DBJ); the Prime Minister, the Most Hon. Mrs. Portia Simpson, Minister with portfolio responsibility for Ackendown and the UDC; and the Minister of Finance and Planning, Dr. the Hon. Omar Davies, Minister with portfolio responsibility for the DBJ.

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“In addition, the Addendum was submitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to the President of the Senate, also under cover of letter which was dated 2006 November 10. In keeping with the requirements of Section 28 (3) of the Contractor General Act, the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate are now obliged to have the Report tabled before both Houses Parliament ‘as soon as possible’”, Mr. Christie said.

The OCG has explained that the decision to produce the Addendum was taken after documents which were previously not made available to it were submitted on 2006 July 25 and July 27, after the OCG’s Report of Investigation into the Sandals Whitehouse Hotel Project was tabled in Parliament. The documents in question were submitted respectively by the Urban Development Corporation (UDC) and by DunnCox, the attorneys for Gorstew Ltd.

“The primary objectives of the Addendum were therefore as follows: (a) to say whether and to what extent the UDC and DunnCox information have impacted the Findings and Conclusions which are contained in the Report, and (b) to substantiate and/or to clarify certain statements which were made in the Report”, Mr. Christie said.

The OCG’s Investigation into the Sandals Whitehouse Hotel Project was commenced in earnest, in January 2006, and concluded in mid-June 2006. It was initiated at the instance of the Contractor General following allegations of impropriety and corruption which were made about the Project in Parliament and in the media.

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The Contractor General has advised that once the Addendum to the OCG's Investigation Report is tabled in both Houses of Parliament, it will be published in full on the OCG's website at [www.ocg.gov.jm](http://www.ocg.gov.jm) .

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