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MEDIA RELEASE

Integrity Commission Issues Apology to Mayor Richard Creary

Kingston; July 13, 2020 – The Integrity Commission has today issued a written apology to His Worship the Mayor of Port Maria, Councillor Richard Creary.

The apology was issued in respect of an erroneous statement that was made in the Commission's 'Petrojam' Reports of Investigation.

The Reports were recently submitted to and tabled in both Houses of Parliament.

The Commission's apology was copied by the Commission to the Hon. Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate and the Clerk to the Houses.

In its apology to Mayor Creary, the Commission said that it *"sincerely regrets its error and wishes to unreservedly apologize to you for any distress, embarrassment or inconvenience that it may have caused you."*

In the interest of full transparency, and public accountability, a copy of the apology is appended to this media release.

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July 13, 2020

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR Councillor Richard Creary
St. Mary Municipal Corporation
13 Hodgson Street
Port Maria
St. Mary
Via Email:

Your Worship:

Re: Tender of Letter of Apology – Error in Integrity Commission ‘Petrojam’ Investigation Reports

I write to you for and on behalf of the Integrity Commission and with reference to two (2) Reports of Investigation that were recently submitted by the Commission to the Houses Parliament.

The Reports, which were submitted, under cover of letter dated June 30, 2020, to the Hon. Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Hon. President of the Senate, with copy to the Clerk to the Houses, were entitled as follows:

1. Special Report of Investigation – Petrojam Report No. 1 - Conducted Into Allegations of Acts of Irregularity and/or Impropriety, Conflict of Interest, Corruption, Nepotism, Cronyism and Favouritism at Petrojam Limited (486 pages); and
2. Special Report of Investigation – Petrojam Report No. 2 - Conducted Into Allegations Concerning Certain Donations which were made by Petrojam Limited to Organisations and Causes for the period April 2016 to March 2018 (215 pages).

The Commission has since determined that at Conclusion #30 on page #375 of Report #1, and that at Conclusion #8 on page #196 of Report #2, it is erroneously stated, in substance, that you were a member of a panel that interviewed Mr. Floyd Grindley for the post of General Manager of Petrojam Limited.

On page #216 of Report #1, it is accurately stated that you were indeed “unable to attend” at the interview of Mr. Floyd Grindley.

The Commission recognizes that you only participated on the panel for the interview involving Ms. Yolande Ramharrack, for the post of Human Resource Development and Administration Manager. This fact is accurately recorded in Report #1.

Both Reports of Investigation were tabled in the House of Representatives on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 and in the Senate on Friday, July 10, 2020.

A Corrigendum, regarding the Commission's error, was submitted by the Commission to the Parliament under cover of letter that was dated July 1, 2020. The Corrigendum was tabled in the House of Representatives on Tuesday, July 7, 2020, and in the Senate on Friday, July 10, 2020.

The Commission sincerely regrets its error and wishes to unreservedly apologize to you for any distress, embarrassment or inconvenience that it may have caused you.

By way of copy hereof, the Commission is formally bringing its error, and its apology made to you, to the attention of both Houses of the Parliament.

The Commission will also, by way of a media release, bring to the attention of the public, its error and its apology made to you.

I ask that you accept our sincere regards.

Respectfully yours,



Greg Christie
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For and on behalf of the Integrity Commission

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