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Media Release

Integrity Commission's Report of Investigation concerning Allegations of the Non-Performance of a Contract Awarded to GM Challenger Limited, by the Jamaica Defence Force (JDF), for the Supply of a '2014 Model Year Ambulance'

April 12, 2022 - The Integrity Commission completed and published a Report of Investigation concerning Allegations of the Non-Performance of a Contract Awarded to GM Challenger Limited, by the Jamaica Defence Force (JDF), for the Supply of a '2014 Model Year Ambulance'.

The referenced Report was written as at the date signed by the Director of Investigation, that is, October 6, 2021, for which the October 2021 date is reflected on the cover page. Consequently, the Report did not take into consideration events which occurred subsequent to October 6, 2021. The Commission acknowledges, however, that some ambiguity as to the relevant period under consideration might exist, given the fact that on the individual content pages of the Report a date of February 2022 is reflected. The discrepancy in dates is as a result of the date the Report was transmitted for publication.

On March 30, 2022, the Commission received correspondence from Peter Champagne, Q.C., JP, which enclosed a "Statement of Challenger Transport Company Limited, in response to the Report of Investigation by Integrity Commission October 2021", dated March 28, 2022, as well as a copy of a Release and Discharge made the 25th day of January 2022, between GM Challenger and the Jamaica Defence Force (JDF). The Release and Discharge made the 25th day of January 2022, indicated that GM Challenger has agreed to pay the sum of \$6,097,777.28, in full and final settlement of any claims or entitlements of the JDF, in relation to the contract for the supply and maintenance of an ambulance, which was the subject of the investigation. Please note that no evidence of actual payment of monies, pursuant to the referenced Release and Discharge, was enclosed by Mr. Champagne, Q.C. Immediately prior to the issue of this Media Release, Mr. Champagne Q.C.'s Office indicated that they should be in receipt of the official receipt from the JDF by tomorrow, April 13, 2022.

The Commission will take steps to ensure that no ambiguity as to the period under review in an investigation, when compared to the date of publication of a report, exists in future matters.

The Commission will continue to strive to promote and enhance standards of ethical conduct and aim to strengthen the measures for the prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution of acts of corruption.

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