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CONTRACTOR GENERAL FORMALLY REFERS 32 DELINQUENT PUBLIC BODIES TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

Kingston, May 29, 2007 – Contractor General, Greg Christie, has today formally referred thirty-two (32) delinquent Public Bodies to the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) because of their failure to submit their 2007 1st Quarter Quarterly Contract Award (QCA) Reports on or before the prescribed deadline date of April 30, 2007.

A person who, without lawful justification or excuse, fails to comply with a lawful requisition of a Contractor General, commits a criminal offence under Section 29 of the 1983 Contractor General Act.

This is the second time in less than three (3) months that the Contractor General has been forced to initiate criminal prosecution proceedings against Public Bodies who have ignored the requisitions of his Office.

On March 21, 2007, 45 delinquent Public Bodies were referred to the DPP on account of their failure to submit their 2006 4th Quarter QCA Reports to the Office of the Contractor General (OC-G) on time. Nineteen (19) of them are ‘repeat offenders’ as they are now among the 32 Public Bodies which were referred today.

QCA Reports are required to be filed, each quarter, with the OCG, by all of the country’s Procuring Public Bodies. The Reports are designed to disclose the material particulars of certain contracts which have been awarded by Public Bodies as well as the extent to which each Public Body has complied with



the Government's Procurement Procedures.

The referrals which the OC-G has made to the DPP are in keeping with its Zero Tolerance policy against Public Bodies and Public Officers who choose to ignore its requisitions. Among the 190 Public Bodies which the OC-G had previously warned for prosecution on October 30, 2006, are the 32 which are now being referred to the DPP.

The names of the delinquent 32 Public Bodies are listed below in alphabetical order. The publication of their identities is being made in the public interest as well as to ensure that there is full transparency in a matter which the OC-G regards with great concern.

1. Agricultural Credit Board* (REPEAT)
2. Bellevue Hospital* (REPEAT)
3. Edna Manley School of the Visual and Performing Arts (REPEAT)
4. E- Learning Company
5. Electricity Authority*
6. Financial Services Commission
7. G.C. Foster College of Physical Education* (REPEAT)
8. Jamaica Business Development Centre* (REPEAT)
9. Jamaica Promotions Corporation (JAMPRO) (REPEAT)
10. Jamaica Racing Commission* (REPEAT)
11. Jamaica Railway Corporation (REPEAT)
12. Ministry of Health
13. Ministry of Housing, Transport, Water & Works
14. Ministry of Labour and Social Security (REPEAT)
15. Ministry of Tourism, Entertainment and Culture (REPEAT)
16. National Solid Waste Management Authority
17. National Water Commission
18. National Works Agency (REPEAT)
19. Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management* (REPEAT)
20. Office of the Parliamentary Counsel (REPEAT)
21. Portland Parish Council* (REPEAT)
22. Portmore Municipal Council*
23. Social Development Commission* (REPEAT)
24. St. Catherine Parish Council* (REPEAT)
25. St. Elizabeth Parish Council
26. St. Thomas Parish Council*



27. Students' Loan Bureau
28. Tax Administration Services Department (REPEAT)
29. Toll Authority of Jamaica
30. Tourism Product Development Company (REPEAT)
31. Transport Authority (REPEAT)
32. University Hospital of the West Indies

Names with an asterisk denote the twelve (12) Public Bodies which, as of May 18, 2007, had still not submitted the required 2007 1st Quarter QCA Report to the OC-G. May 18 was the last business day which preceded the day that the OC-G commenced its finalization of the subject referral to the Office of the DPP.

The nineteen (19) Public Bodies which are identified on the list, with the word “REPEAT” next to their names, are ‘repeat offenders’. They were previously referred to the DPP because of their failure to submit their 2006 4th Quarter QCA Reports on time.

It is also instructive to note that, as at May 18, 2006, four (4) of the named ‘repeat offenders’ had still not submitted their 2006 4th Quarter *and* their 2007 1st Quarter QCA Reports to the OC-G. They are the Bellevue Hospital, the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management, the Portland Parish Council and the St. Catherine Parish Council.

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