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MEDIA RELEASE

OFFICE OF THE CONTRACTOR-GENERAL REFERS FIVE DELINQUENT PUBLIC BODIES TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

Kingston, March 27, 2008 – In keeping with the terms of its Zero Tolerance policy, the Office of the Contractor General (OC-G) has today formally referred five (5) Public Bodies to the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) because of their failure to submit their 2007 4th Quarter Contract Award (QCA) Reports on or before the prescribed deadline. The Reports were required to be submitted to the OC-G by January 31, 2008.

Any 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.

QCA Reports are required to be filed with the OC-G, in arrears, within one month after the ending of each quarter. The QCA Report regime was implemented by the OCG in May 2006 to substantially enhance probity and transparency in the Government procurement and contract award process.

QCA Reports are specially structured to force the disclosure of the material particulars of certain contracts which have been awarded by Public Bodies. They are also designed to disclose whether and to what extent a Procuring Public Body has complied with the Government's Procurement Procedures and Guidelines.



In the interest of public transparency, the names of the five (5) Public Bodies which were referred today to the DPP are listed below. Three (3) of them are classified as 'Repeat Offenders' by virtue of the fact that they have been previously referred to the DPP for violations of Section 29 of the Contractor General Act.

1. Agricultural Credit Board (Repeat Offender)
2. Agricultural Development Corporation
3. Agricultural Marketing Corporation
4. Jamaica Railway Corporation (Repeat Offender)
5. National Water Commission (Repeat Offender)

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