

**CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 11 NOVEMBER 2013**

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 11 November 2013:

1. Contracts;
2. Legislation Matter;
3. Annual Reports;
4. Board Appointment;
5. Land Acquisition;
6. Hosting of Regional Conference “Promoting Best Practices in a Regional Mutual Guarantee Systems (MGSs) for Supporting Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) – Jamaica as the Pilot”;
7. Country Review Report of Jamaica’s Implementation of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption;
8. Reports.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Upgrade of the Alternate Microwave Network: Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$644,683.00 to AVIAT Network of North Carolina, United States of America, for the upgrading of the Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority’s Alternate Microwave Network from 8E1 to 21E1 measure of data carrying capacity.

The project seeks to enhance the existing microwave path that carries radar data, voice and other critical information into the Kingston Air Traffic Control Centre (KATCC) with alternate increased repeater sites and bandwidth. The microwave network, in its present configuration, exposes the KATCC to a total loss of communication in the event of failure of any link of the existing path.

(ii) Dry-Docking of a Jamaica Defence Force (JDF) Offshore Patrol Vessel (HMJS Cornwall)

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$512,442.26 to Spencer Boat Company based in Miami, Florida, United States of America (USA), for the provision of dry-docking services for the Jamaica Defence Force vessel, the HMJS Cornwall.

The Jamaica Defence Force fleet of offshore patrol vessels provides the nation with an important marine domain capability, including responding to search and rescue cases, disaster relief, support to essential government services, repatriation of refugees, maritime law enforcement and joint counter-narcotics operations.

(iii) Provision of Janitorial Services for HEART Trust/NTA Locations

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$53,241,305.23 to Minott Janitorial Services Limited, for the provision of janitorial services at nine (9) of the fourteen (14) HEART Trust/NTA locations for a three-year period as follows:

	<b>LOCATIONS</b>	<b>AMOUNT J\$</b>
1	HEART College of Beauty Services	8,553,845.28
2	Compliance and Remittance	1,498,602.64
3	National TVET Centre	17,162,518.46
4	St. Ann Regional Office	874,336.32
5	Rockfort Regional Office	5,777,093.83
6	Montego Bay Regional Office	2,219,446.56
7	LEAP Centre	2,061,115.80
8	NTEI/NTEC	9,132,812.58
9	Newport VTC	5,961,533.76
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>53,241,305.23</b>

(iv) Replacement of Reformer Catalyst for PETROJAM Limited

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount US\$815,176.33, to UOP LLC, for the replacement of a reformer catalyst at the PETROJAM oil refinery.

PETROJAM Limited operates a semi-regenerative reformer comprising three (3) reactor units containing approximately 29,000 lbs. of UOP LLC's R-86 catalyst distributed in the ration of 13%, 29% and 58%. The reformer produces gasoline blend stocks, which act as the primary material for the production of 87 and 90 octane gasoline blends sold to the domestic market. At specified temperatures and pressures, the catalyst converts lower octane feedstock to high octane blend products.

(v) Supply and Installation of Plant and Equipment – Energy Efficient Air Conditioning Retrofits (Bid No. MSTEM-EECP-030) under the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Programme (EECP)

Cabinet approved the award of a two-year contract in the amount of US\$1,527,487.79 plus J\$112,981,491.63 to Geddes Refrigeration Limited, to design, supply and retrofit energy efficient air-conditioning solutions at the following locations:

- (a) Kingston Public Hospital;
- (b) Jamaica Information Service;
- (c) Donald Sangster Building; and
- (d) Montego Bay Revenue Service Centre.

Jamaica is a major importer of energy and, as such, has embarked on measures to improve energy efficiency and conservation with a view to increasing the value obtained from each unit of energy consumed. The "Energy Efficiency and Conservation Programme" (EECP) will be used to accomplish this feat. The first phase of the EECP is to enhance Jamaica's energy efficiency and energy conservation potential through the design and implementation of cost-saving energy efficiency and energy conservation measures within the public sector.

(vi) Private Security Services at the Bustamante Hospital for Children

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$104,223,240.00 to Shalk Electronic Security Limited, for the provision of security services at the Bustamante Hospital for Children for a period of three (3) years.

The South East Regional Health Authority utilises the services of a private security company in an effort to ensure the safety of employees, customers, property and assets at the Bustamante Hospital for Children. Provision would be made for security services on a 24-hour basis.

(vii) Procurement of Medical Sundries

Cabinet approved the award of contracts for the procurement of medical sundries for government-owned health facilities for a period of 18 months as follows:

#	Company	Contract Value	
		J\$	US\$
1	Vitalmed Distributors Limited	365,493,251.71	3,733,713.88
2	Scientific Supplies & Technology	85,943,954.69	877,964.00
3	Shanghai Channelmed Import	80,304,684.08	820,356.36
4	Troge Medical GmbH	77,939,548.13	796,195.20
5	Renal Dynamics LLC	69,289,870.26	707,834.00
6	Gates Trading Limited	64,503,685.55	658,940.50
7	Disposables Limited	50,672,758.50	517,650.00
8	Mar-Roc Limited	48,979,927.15	500,356.80
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>843,127,680.07</b>	<b>8,613,011.34</b>

The National Health Fund is tasked with the procurement, warehousing and distribution of pharmaceutical preparations and medical sundries for government-owned health facilities.

(viii) Implementation of ASYCUDAWorld Customs Management System at the Jamaica Customs Agency

Cabinet approved the award of a contract to the United Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in the amount of US\$1.75M million for the provision of technical assistance to implement the latest version of the Automated System for Customs Data (ASYCUDAWorld) as the integrated Customs Management System at the Jamaica Customs Agency.

The Government of Jamaica has committed to establish the country as a logistic hub, which includes expanding port, cargo, maritime facilities and economic zones, with several components targeted for completion by year 2015. The acquisition of an integrated Customs Management System by the Jamaica Customs Agency and the operation of a paperless trading environment would be operational priorities required to establish Jamaica as a Logistics Hub.

## 2. Legislation Matter

### The United Nations Security Council Resolutions Implementation Act, 2013

Cabinet gave approval for the Bill entitled, "The United Nations Security Council Resolutions Implementation Act, 2013," to be introduced into the Houses of Parliament.

The Bill seeks to implement resolutions passed under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations (UN), which were binding on all UN member states. The resolutions are either subject-specific or country-specific, and may contain measures designed to maintain or restore international peace and security. The Bill will also enable Jamaica to fulfil commitments made to the Caribbean Financial Action Task Force (CFATF); failure to fulfil the commitments could lead to the country's financial institutions being locked out of international financial markets.

## 3. Annual Reports

Cabinet considered the Annual Reports of the:

- (i) Administrator General's Department for the Financial Year 2011/2012;
- (ii) Caymanas Track Limited for the Financial Year 2012/2013;
- (iii) Factories Corporation of Jamaica for the Financial Years 2010/2011 and 2011/2012;
- (iv) Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority for the Financial Years 2010/2011 and 2011/2012;
- (v) Jamaica International Free Zone Development Limited for the Financial Year 2012/2013;
- (vi) Jamaica Promotions Corporation for the Financial Years 2011/2012 and 2012/2013;
- (vii) Tourism Enhancement Fund for the Financial Years 2011/2012.

These Annual Reports will be tabled in Parliament at a later date.

## 4. Board Appointments

### SCJ Holdings Limited

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Board of Directors of SCJ Holdings Limited for a period of one (1) year, with effect from 11 November 2013 to 10 November 2014:

- (1) Mrs. Donna Scott-Mottley – **Chairman**;
- (2) Mr. Desmond Leaky – **Deputy Chairman**;
- (3) Mr. Paul Wilson;
- (4) Mr. Vincent Morrison;
- (5) Mr. Hopeton Morrison;
- (6) Mr. George Callaghan;
- (7) Canon Hartley Perrin; and
- (8) Ms. Monica O'Meally.

## 5. Land Acquisition

### Acquisition of 213½ Old Hope Road, Kingston 6, by the University of Technology, Jamaica

Cabinet gave approval for the purchase of property located at 213½ Old Hope Road, Kingston 6, by the University of Technology, Jamaica (UTech) from Wynlee Trading

Company Limited in the sum of \$68 million, for the construction of student residential accommodation.

UTech will be undertaking an expansion of its facilities to house students by building a new residential complex at 213½ Old Hope Road. The two (2) three-storey blocks will be constructed to yield seventy-two (72) dormitories. The total building area will be approximately twenty-five thousand seven hundred square feet (25,700 sq. ft.).

6. Hosting of Regional Conference “Promoting Best Practices in a Regional Mutual Guarantee Systems (MGSs) for Supporting Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), Jamaica as a Pilot”

Cabinet gave approval for the hosting in Jamaica of the regional conference on “Promoting Best Practices in a Regional Mutual Guarantee System for Supporting Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises – Jamaica as the Pilot” over the period 25 to 26 November 2013.

The conference will be used to share relevant experiences and spread best practices among micro, small and medium sized enterprises (MSME) stakeholders, including financing institutions and development partners in Jamaica and the Caribbean; and impart knowledge of successful guarantee schemes in different regions.

7. Country Review Report of Jamaica’s Implementation of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption

Cabinet approved the Country Review Report and Executive Summary for Jamaica in relation to Jamaica’s implementation of the United Nation’s Convention Against Corruption.

Jamaica’s progress in implementing the Convention had been reviewed by two (2) other State Parties as required under the Convention; and a draft Report and an Executive Summary had been prepared after representatives of the selected State Parties (The Netherlands and Trinidad and Tobago) conducted an in-country visit in Jamaica from 25 to 29 June 2012. The Report outlines the steps taken by Jamaica to comply with the Convention, and highlights legislative and other deficiencies that, in the view of the experts, need to be addressed in order for Jamaica to achieve full compliance with the Convention.

8. Reports

(i) The Plan to End to Pit Latrines

Cabinet noted a report from the Ministry of Education detailing its intention to accelerate its programme to eliminate pit latrines in schools by the end of the 2015/2016 school year. The report provided information on the remaining 158 of 194 schools to be outfitted with replacement systems and the estimated associated cost to do so.

(ii) Initiatives From the Ministry of Education’s Visit to China 12-19 October 2013

Cabinet noted a report advising of the results of the visit of the Minister of Education to China. The report advised that the visit to China involved discussions regarding

cooperation in education, the possibilities for the recruitment of Jamaican English teachers, and the mutual scholarship programme between Jamaica and China.

(iii) Jamaica's Participation in the 2nd Tripartite African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP)/European Commission (EC)/UN Habitat Conference

Cabinet noted a report on the 2nd Tripartite African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP)/European Commission (EC)/UN Habitat Conference held in Kigali, Rwanda, 3 to 6 September 2013. The report provided information on the deliberations and decisions of the Conference with regard to:

- (1) the Participatory Slum Upgrading Programme;
- (2) the decentralization of basic urban services;
- (3) housing and slum upgrading strategies;
- (4) land tenure regularization;
- (5) urbanization, especially from a gender perspective; and
- (6) the role of women and local authorities in urban development.

(iv) The Animation Industry in Jamaica

Cabinet noted a report on the initiatives undertaken in furtherance of the growth and development of the animation industry in Jamaica. The report advised that the Ministry of Industry, Investment and Commerce had been collaborating with agencies under its portfolio, sector interests, and other stakeholders to encourage the growth and development of an animation industry in Jamaica, and that a concept paper had been prepared which outlined the value proposition of animation through intellectual property (IP) protection, entrepreneurship, and outsourcing. The report highlighted the rapid evolution of animation with the advent of new technology and other factors; the significant growth of interest in animation in Jamaica over the last two (2) years; the projected growth of the global animation industry from US\$122.20 billion in 2010 to US\$242.93 billion in 2016; the production of computer-generated animation in Jamaica by independent animators employed by local and regional studios; and the opportunity for Jamaica to produce high-demand and high-value animation content, products, and services.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



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