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His Worship The Mayor Desmond McKenzie, J.P.  
Mayor of Kingston and St. Andrew  
Kingston and St. Andrew Corporation  
24 Church Street  
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Your Worship:

I write with reference to a report which is entitled “McKenzie: It’s not sabotage!” which appears in today’s edition of the Jamaica Gleaner Newspaper.

It is alleged in the report that you have advised “*that the KSAC has written to the Contractor General seeking permission to bypass the procurement regulations to allow the corporation to complete work in time for CWC*”.

While we are yet to receive the referenced KSAC letter, I must hasten to advise that the Contractor General possesses absolutely no authority or jurisdiction under any law to grant permission to any person, public official or public body to “bypass” the Government’s Procurement Rules or Procedures.

Neither does the Contractor General has the power to approve or to endorse any recommendation for the award of any Government Contract.

The primary role, mandate and function of the Contractor General, under the law, is to monitor and to investigate, *inter alia*, the award and implementation of Government contracts and the grant of prescribed Government licences. This is a position which the Office of the Contractor General has repeatedly conveyed and communicated to the Ministry of Local Government and the Environment and the Parish Councils.

I would respectfully recommend that your concerns or requests be directed to the Cabinet, through the good offices of your portfolio Ministry, the National Contracts Commission (NCC) and/or the Ministry of Finance and Planning. In the final analysis, it is the Cabinet which has the authority to promulgate, revise or waive, as the case may be, the Government’s Procurement Policies, Rules and Procedures.

If it is the intention of the KSAC to invoke the Government’s Emergency Procurement Procedures, please note that the GPPH requires that you should first seek the concurrence of the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Local Government and the Environment and, where necessary, the approval of the NCC.



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If there is any other way in which you believe the Office of the Contractor General can be of assistance to the KSAC, please do not hesitate to let me know.

With many kind regards.

Very respectfully yours,

(Signed: Craig Beresford  
Director of Finance and Administration  
for and on behalf of the Contractor General)

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Greg Christie  
Contractor General

Copy: The Hon. Dean Peart, MP, Minister, Ministry of Local Government and the Environment  
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The Hon. Shirley Tyndall, OJ, Chair, National Contracts Commission