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October 26, 2006

## MEDIA RELEASE

### CONTRACTOR GENERAL RESPONDS TO AUDLEY SHAW'S REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATIONS

The Contractor General, by way of letter, dated October 25, 2006, has responded to a letter which was recently written to him by the Opposition Spokesman on Finance and Planning, Mr. Audley Shaw.

In his letter, which was dated October 23 and which was received by the Contractor General yesterday, October 25, Mr. Shaw requested that the Office of the Contractor General conducts investigations into an "Ecuadorian oil deal between PCJ and Petroecuador", a "contract between PCJ and the Greek Bunkering Company, Aegean Bunkering (Jam) Limited", and "all contracts negotiated and signed by Mr. Campbell over the past six months, in his capacity as Minister of Information and Development".

Mr. Shaw's request of the Contractor General was carried in several media reports earlier this week.

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Investigations under the Contractor General Act are conducted by the Contractor General only if “he considers it necessary or desirable” to do so.

A full verbatim transcript of the Contractor General’s response to Mr. Shaw is outlined hereunder.

“October 25, 2006

Mr. Audley Shaw, M.P.  
Opposition Spokesman on Finance and The Public Service  
Houses of Parliament  
Gordon House  
81 Duke Street, P.O. Box 636  
Kingston

Dear Mr. Shaw:

Re: Request for Contracts Investigation – Ecuadorian Oil Deal between PCJ and Petroecuador, Contract between PCJ and Greek Bunkering Company – Aegean Bunkering (Jam) Limited, and Contracts Negotiated/Signed by Former Minister of Information and Development

I would like to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 23<sup>rd</sup>. instant in the captioned regard. Your letter was received in our Offices this afternoon.

Your request for the conduct of certain investigations has been duly noted and recorded.

I am personally committed towards ensuring that all legitimate requests which are lodged with the Office of the Contractor General are reviewed on the basis of their individual merits and in an impartial, fair and objective manner. A decision to commence and pursue an investigation into any specific matter will be guided not only by these considerations and by the provisions of the Contractor General Act, but also by the availability of the requisite assets and resources. Once a decision is taken to proceed, we will do so with as much expedition and diligence as our assets, resources and the prevailing circumstances will permit.

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I have today assigned this matter to our Director of Licences and Permits, Mr. Percival Griffiths. You should feel free to telephone Mr. Griffiths or myself at any time should you deem it necessary to do so.

Very respectfully yours,

Greg Christie (Signed)

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Greg Christie  
Contractor General

Copy: Dr. The Hon. Carlton Davis, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Development  
Dr. Jean Dixon, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Industry, Technology, Energy & Commerce  
Mrs. Patricia Sinclair-McCalla, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Information  
Mr. Percival Griffiths, Director, Licences and Permits, OCG"

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