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CONTRACTOR GENERAL SUBMITS 2009 ANNUAL REPORT TO PARLIAMENT

Kingston; September 21, 2010 – The Twenty-Third (23rd) Annual Report of the Contractor General, for calendar year 2009, has now been submitted to Parliament.

One hundred and ten (110) copies of the Report were submitted this morning by Contractor General, Greg Christie, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to the President of the Senate, in the care of the good offices of the Clerk to the Houses, Mrs. Heather E. Cooke.

Section 28 (3) of the Contractor General Act requires that the Report must now be tabled in both Houses of Parliament “*as soon as possible*”. The Office of the Contractor General (OCG) anticipates that the Report will be tabled during this afternoon’s sitting of the House of Representatives.

Once the Report has been tabled in both Houses of Parliament, the OCG will convey hard copies of same to all permanent secretaries, heads of major public sector agencies, members of the media fraternity, local private sector organizations, tertiary educational institutions, multilateral organizations, diplomatic representations and other stakeholders. The full contents of the Report will also be published by the OCG, in electronic format, on its official website at www.ocg.gov.jm.

The OCG’s 2009 Annual Report marks a major accomplishment in the continuing pursuit, by the OCG, of its strategic objective to become a ‘*best-in-class*’ institution and to provide a greater



measure of public scrutiny of not only the Government's contract award and procurement activities, but also of the work of the OCG in its satisfaction of its mandates under the Contractor General Act.

At 1,033 pages, of which more than 700 are dedicated to indexed appendices of those of the OCG's many contract monitoring activities that were undertaken during the course of the year, the OCG's 2009 Annual Report will now stand as the organization's most definitive publication in its 25 year-plus history, and as a lasting testimony to the hard work and unparalleled commitment of its 58-person staff complement.

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