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**OFFICE OF THE CONTRACTOR GENERAL CONCLUDES INVESTIGATION INTO THE  
4M LIGHT BULB DISTRIBUTION PROJECT – REPORT FORMALLY SUBMITTED**

**Kingston, February 4, 2008** – The Office of the Contractor General (OCG) has concluded its special investigation into the circumstances surrounding the procurement of Government contracts in the 4M Energy Saving and Light Bulb Distribution Project.

As is required by Section 20 (1) of the Contractor General Act, copies of the OCG's Report of Investigation into the matter have today been formally submitted by the Contractor General to the Minister of Energy, Mining and Telecommunications, the Hon. Clive Mullings, the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Energy, Mining and Telecommunications, Dr. Jean Dixon and the Group Managing Director of the Petroleum Corporation of Jamaica, Dr. Ruth Potopsingh.

Pursuant to the discretionary powers which are reserved to the Contractor General by Section 28 (2) of the Contractor General Act, the Contractor General has also today formally conveyed copies of the Report to the Honourable Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Honourable President of the Senate.

Section 28 (3) of the Contractor General Act requires the Speaker and the President to have the Reports tabled in both Houses of Parliament 'as soon as possible'.



Contractor General, Greg Christie, in keeping with the obligations which are imposed upon him by Section 21 of the Contractor General, has also submitted copies of the 124 page Report to the Commissioner of Police, the Director of Public Prosecutions, the Commission for the Prevention of Corruption, the Attorney General and the Auditor General.

Section 21 of the Contractor General Act provides as follows:

“If a Contractor General finds, during the course of his investigations or on the conclusion thereof that there is evidence of a breach of duty or misconduct or criminal offence on the part of an officer or member of a Public Body, he shall refer the matter to the person or persons competent to take such disciplinary or other proceeding as may be appropriate against that officer or member and in all such cases shall lay a special report before Parliament”.

“Our Findings in this matter have disclosed evidence which has very far reaching implications. We have made certain specific referrals and recommendations to the named State authorities as we are required by law to do. We would hope that the authorities will take such investigative, prosecutorial, remedial or corrective action as the respective circumstances warrant”, Mr. Christie said.

The OCG’s Investigation into the 4M Energy Saving and Light Bulb Distribution Project was commenced on October 24, 2007, after certain allegations were made in the House of Representatives, on October 23, 2007, by the Honourable Clive Mullings, the Minister of Energy, Mining and Telecommunications.

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