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Mr. Adrian Strachan
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Auditor General's Department
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Dear Auditor General:

Re: Investigation of the Contractor General into the Procurement Procedures of the Kingston & St. Andrew Corporation.

My Office has just concluded an Investigation into the procurement procedures of the Kingston & St. Andrew Corporation (KSAC). A copy of the Investigation Report is enclosed herewith together with an Appendix which is attached thereto.

In consequence of our Findings and in furtherance of the powers which are vested in me by Section 20 (1) of the Contractor General Act, I would respectfully recommend that you conduct an audit of the accounting records of the procurement activities of the KSAC. In particular, we would recommend that you seek to validate the legitimacy of the payments which were made to the persons who are named in the Appendix and at **Item #11** on page 3 of the Report.

The evidence would seem to suggest that several payments were made to the named Works Contractors over a relatively short period of time. In some instances, several payments were made to the same Contractor on the same day. In other instances, the same dollar amounts recur in respect of different payments as well as in respect of different Contractors. None of the subject Contractors was registered with the National Contracts Commission.

Pursuant to Section 20 (1) of the Contractor General Act, the Report has already been formally submitted to His Worship, Mayor Desmond McKenzie and to The Hon. Dean Peart, the Minister of Local Government and Environment.

Pursuant to Section 28 (2) of the Contractor General Act, a copy of the Report has been submitted to the President of the Senate and to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Very respectfully yours,

Greg Christie
Contractor-General

Copy: The Hon. Dean Peart, Minister of Local Government and Environment
Mr. Devon Rowe, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Local Government and Environment
Senator The Honourable Syringa Marshall-Burnett, CD, President of the Senate
The Honourable Michael Peart, M.P., Speaker of the House of Representatives

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