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CONTRACTOR GENERAL COMPILES LIST OF NAMES OF DELINQUENT PUBLIC BODIES TO BE SUBMITTED TO DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS UNLESS JUSTIFIABLE CAUSE IS SHOWN

Kingston, December 7, 2006 - The Office of the Contractor General (OCG) has completed its compilation of a final list of delinquent Public Bodies which have failed to submit their 2006 2nd and 3rd Quarter Quarterly Contract Award (QCA) Reports to the Contractor General.

The compilation of the list comes after the OCG's recent October 30, 2006 letter to the Principal and Accounting Officers of some 191 Public Bodies in which they were formally warned for prosecution in the event of their non-compliance with the OCG's Requisitions.

To date, of the 191 Public Bodies which were requisitioned, twenty-two (22) and seventeen (17), respectively, have failed to submit their 2006 2nd and 3rd Quarter QCA Reports to the OCG. The extended deadline for the submission of the referenced Reports, as stated in the OCG's letter of warning, was November 30, 2006.

As at October 30, 2006, the date of the OCG's letter of warning, 110 and 166 Public Bodies, respectively, had been outstanding with their 2nd and 3rd Quarter QCA Reports.

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During the course of the coming week, the OCG will be formally writing to the Principal or Accounting Officers of the listed delinquent Public Bodies to require them to show justifiable cause, in writing, no later than January 12, 2007, as to why the OCG should not proceed to refer their matters to the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP). In the absence of the OCG's receipt of a favourable response from these Officers, the matters will be automatically referred to the DPP without any further notice given to them.

“We have deemed it necessary to take this final due diligence step as we proceed in a responsible manner with our intended recommendation, to the DPP, for the referenced prosecutions to be initiated”, Contractor General, Greg Christie said.

The OCG will also be sending to the Cabinet Secretary, the Financial Secretary and the Solicitor General, a list of the names of the subject delinquent Public Bodies.

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