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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **OFFICE OF THE CONTRACTOR GENERAL COMPLETES SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS INTO MATTERS CONCERNING AIR JAMAICA LIMITED, THE BETTING, GAMING AND LOTTERIES COMMISSION AND THE UNIVERSAL ACCESS FUND LIMITED**

**Kingston; September 15, 2008** – The Office of the Contractor General (OCG) has concluded its Special Investigation into the procurement practices of Air Jamaica Limited.

The OCG has also completed a Special Investigation into the delay in the issuance of a Licence by the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Commission (BGLC) to Mr. Richard Lake and the Fortune Gaming Limited.

A Special Investigation into the Procurement of Legal Services by the Universal Access Fund (UAF) Limited and the possibility of a conflict of interest in connection therewith, on the part of its former Board Member, Ms. Minett Palmer, has also been completed. The UAF is a subsidiary of the Spectrum Management Authority (SMA).

Copies of the three (3) Reports of Investigations have been formally submitted by the Contractor General to the Principal Officers and Permanent Secretaries of the Public Bodies concerned and also to the respective Ministers of Government who have portfolio responsibility therefor – namely, the Hon. Audley Shaw and the Hon. Don Wehby in the case of Air Jamaica, the Hon Audley Shaw in the case of the BGLC and the Hon. Derrick Smith in the case of the UAF.



“In the interest of public transparency, I have also formally conveyed copies of all three (3) Investigation Reports to the Honourable Speaker of the House of Representatives and to the Honourable President of the Senate”, the Contractor General, Mr. Greg Christie, said.

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’.

The Air Jamaica and the BGLC Investigation Reports were submitted by the Contractor General under cover of letters which were dated September 9, 2008 and the UAF Report under cover of letters which were dated September 12, 2008.

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