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NWC STATEMENT ON BARBICAN SQUARE, EAST KINGS HOUSE ROAD WORK

The National Water Commission (NWC) wishes to apologize for inconvenience caused to some members of the motoring public by a combination of work being undertaken by its contractor in the vicinity of Barbican Square in St. Andrew and reinstatement works along East Kings House Road.

In an effort to minimize the negative impact on traffic and commercial activity, the contractor had sought to do the remaining excavation and sewer construction work during the nights. Regrettably, this initiative to complete the remainder of this necessary sewerage improvement work encountered major challenges as a maze of telephone cables and other utility infrastructure underneath the roadway in Barbican Square resulted in the late completion of last night's work. As a consequence, the contractor was still in the process of restoring the roadway to unimpeded drivable condition up to about 9:00 a.m. instead of the planned 5:00 – 6:00 a.m. completion. The contractor has indicated that, notwithstanding these challenges, there will not be a recurrence of this situation as all works will be completed by the planned 5:00 – 6:00 a.m. schedule.

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In addition, the preparatory work being undertaken for reinstatement along East Kings House Road by the National Works Agency (NWA) on behalf of the National Water Commission (NWC) has also had a negative traffic impact in the area. NWA has removed about 6-inches from the trench-line in preparing for the necessary top-surface to be laid and it is expected that

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this reinstatement will be completed on the section of the East Kings House Road trench-line from Kings House Avenue to the entrance of the Loshusan Commercial Complex by this weekend.

The National Water Commission apologizes for the inconvenience experienced and expects the project to be completed without any similar unfortunate inconveniences.

At completion, the sewerage project will enable the retiring of the existing Wiggan Loop Sewage Treatment Plant and provide the infrastructure for protecting public health and the environment by collecting and transporting sewage from this area to the new Soapberry Wastewater Treatment Plant for treatment.

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