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NWC, MINISTER OF WATER SIGN BILLION DOLLAR WATER CONTRACTS

Minister of Housing, Environment and Water Dr. Horace Chang and principals of the National Water Commission (NWC) today (Tuesday, September 27, 2011) officially signed contracts at a combined value of approximately \$3 billion for four different water supply and wastewater projects as part of a major programme to improve water services islandwide.

The contracts signed were for:

- The Rehabilitation of the Hope and Mona Water Treatment Plants as part of the Kingston Water and Sanitation Project in St. Andrew with contractor Vinci Construction Grands Projets;
- Lot 2B of the Kingston Metropolitan Area (KMA) Water Supply Rehabilitation Project for the Development of New Water Source for South East St. Catherine (Portmore area) with contractor Ashtrom Building Systems;

- The Replacement of the Georgia to Duncans Transmission Pipeline as part of the Clarks Town Water Supply in Trelawny with contractor BAJAD Ltd.;
- The Construction of the Mona Road & Roads Leading Off Sanitary Collector Sewers in St. Andrew with contractor BAJAD Ltd.

Speaking at the official signing ceremony at his Ministry, Dr. Chang said that the contract signings demonstrated the committed of the Government of Jamaica, the Ministry of Housing, Environment and Water, and the National Water Commission to the delivery of improved service across the country even in the face of severe financial constraints. Dr. Chang emphasized that the projects to be undertaken would not only result in much improved services but also would improve the quality of life of persons in the affected areas and improve property values and economic development. He also urged that the contracts be completed on time, within budget and with the least possible inconvenience to the public.

It is expected that work on the various contracts will begin in about a month's time after procedural details are finalized and the contractors are mobilized to the project sites.

In addition to NWC Chairman David Chung, NWC Commissioner Lennox Wallace and contractors' representatives, MP St. Aubyn Bartlett, MP Fitz Jackson, Mayor of Portmore Keith Hinds also participated in today's official contract signing.

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