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### **NWC'S EU-FUNDED SEWERAGE PROJECT NEARING COMPLETION**

Close collaboration between the NWC's Engineering and Project Delivery Division and M&M Jamaica Limited has resulted in the rehabilitation of the Negril Wastewater Treatment Plant being on target for completion ahead of its deadline.

The two hundred and seventy-eight million dollar (\$278M) project, which is being funded in a large part by the European Union through the 9<sup>th</sup> European Development Fund, is now 85% complete.

The scope of the works for the rehabilitation of the Negril Wastewater Treatment Plant includes:

- Raising of the embankments
- Construction of new inlet, and inter pond inlet/outlet structures and pipes
- Rehabilitation of internal lining of the embankment and the perimeter fence
- Installation of influent and effluent flow measurement devices.

The Treatment Plant, which was originally built in 1994 by funds also provided by the European Union, was designed to preserve the coastal, natural environment and aquatic biodiversity of the Greater Negril area allowing for sustainable economic growth in that region. However, after several years of operation, the Plant developed problems. Rehabilitation works commenced on January 26, 2011.

Of the J\$278M repair bill, J\$243M was contributed by the European Union. The balance was covered by the National Water Commission.

The project will support sustainable economic development and facilitate poverty reduction in Western Jamaica.

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